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A MESSAGE TO ALL MYSTICS.

THE HINDU MAGIC MIRROR.

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A sincere and true message to all faithful Brother Mystics and those who may wish to join this Occult Organization which exists here and in the Astral or unseen world.

Given under and by the direction of the great Occult Organization and Brotherhood of Magic for the never ending advancement of human souls through Dr. L. W. de Laurence, whose supreme desire is to educate capable and sincere brothers and sisters to act in concert with our Brotherhood of unseen Mystics and teach them the work that they must do preparatory thereto.

I, Dr. L. W. de Laurence, do hereby state, truly, and positively, that I know that the existence of a powerful Occult Organization and Brotherhood of Mystics, both here and in the great unseen world, to be an incontestable truth; and, furthermore, that I KNOW that the Science and Art of Magic as operated by these Mystics is worthy of faithful investigation.

Furthermore, be it known to all the world, and especially so unto him or her into whose hands this message may come, not by reason of their own solicitation, or by advertisement, but by their own Astral influence and Occult magnetism, that the hereinafter simple message to Brother Mystics and those who desire to rid themselves of the bounds and shackles of gross ignorance, theology superstition and materialism, regarding the famous "Magic Mirror," that wonderful Astral Instrument so long used by leading Mystics, Adepts, and Occult workers for communication and preparatory development for communication between the two worlds, will help all who heed.

This message hereinafter written I have given verbatim as it has come to me, under the direction of the great Brotherhood of Mystics from the unseen Astral world.

*Every soul will rest at some mile-post in life
Those never ending, unnumbered, unknown points
All void, vacant, and dark.
Yet, be still for, as it looks once more*

*A multitude assembled;
Unnumberable Astral souls reveal a force Supreme,
Invincible for human advancement,
The annulment of man-made law;*

*The concert uplifting and educating of humanity.
Listen, Oh ye capable brothers, for out of darkness
Comes this mystic message.*

THE MESSAGE.

TO THOSE MYSTICS STILL IN EARTH LIFE, THE ASTRAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGIC, AN OCCULT ORGANIZATION, SENDS GOOD WILL, LIGHT AND GREETINGS.

MESSAGE, PART ONE: UNTIL YOU, BROTHER AND SISTER, "KNOW THYSELF" AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF "THYSELF," BY AND THROUGH THE UNDERSTANDING OF "SELF," AND ARE ABLE TO kindle the Astral fire within, there is labor for us to perform in assisting you in your preparatory work thereto.

The shackles and chains of centuries, of cycles of ages, of antiquity, are riven at length by their own corroding and heart-eating rust (materialism).

Let ye, oh brother and sister, listen most attentively, for no shackle or bond that comes of theology, darkness or superstition, or gross ignorance, can ever endure the full light of inner truth nor the full dawn of the day.

To carry this work onward to its and your own full success we must have true, faithful, sincere and capable brothers on the Earth Plane who have common sense (sense that is not common), and who will act in full concert with us for the uplifting and Occult Education of humanity.

No city code, or man-made law, can overthrow, annul or set aside the laws of God (SELF, NATURE).

The progressive Mystic who has received his or her Occult Education will always act unselfishly, for they have by their education become Nature's (GOD'S) own legitimate and true instrument in human advancement.

They have steadfastly met and overthrown error, superstition, theology, ignorance, and arrogance in high and so-called holy places, and have thus denied the so-called Divine right of Kings, Ministers and Priests, and those who would scoff at spiritism.

They have without hesitation uprooted and overthrown the rule of *despot* and *tyrant*, have led true brothers and sisters with the potent weapon of mental thought and Astral force, to triumph over superstition and ignorance, and will finally be the means of ending the reign of the beasts of materialism and selfishness who can exist only for a time, and times, and half time.

Before the truths of our Brotherhood and Occult Organization the bonds and shackles of fettered humanity are destined to melt as snow beneath the Sun of Aries.

Do not be so foolish as to ask whether you are a *Mystic* or whether you can develop sufficiently to become identified with this great Occult organization and ultimately communicate directly and personally with the unseen Brotherhood.

Each and every sensible and true soul possesses within itself these possibilities which are simply the attributes of Divine Soul Powers. Of course you may suppress and crucify them, or permit them to lie dormant, but only to your own loss and sorrow; or you can allow them to thrive and bloom, like the lotus blossoms on the river Nile, to a beauty and power that will allow you to outstep those who have devoted themselves to more inferior studies and pursuits.

Are you superstitious? Are you orthodox? Are you stingy? Are you selfish? Are you a doubting Tom? Ask yourself these questions.

These are the deep, treacherous, underlying false conditions you must combat and overcome. *Can you lay aside these selfish or superstitious instincts and work for the good and uplifting of all worthy Brothers and Sisters instead of the aggrandizement of self?* If you can, then you are welcome to our Astral Organization and great Occult Brotherhood.

If such you are, then we stretch out to you a helping hand over the infinite spaces, from the dim, forgotten centuries, and recognize you as a true brother or sister and comrade. You may rest assured, and the future will prove the truth of this statement, that the reign of truth and absolute justice and absolute unselfishness ultimately will come to every planet. To such culmination the progress of earth life is marked with every vicissitude that change and man-made laws may imply.

When such a condition has been brought about the planetary forces that previously indicated so much sorrow and suffering are discovered to be essential to perfect social organization.

'Tis thus the condition of adversity is turned into the force of perpetuity; the disappointments of failures and obstruction and slow decay are turned into a condition of sure, safe advancement.

Infinite force and infinite intelligence are infinitely good. *If what you read here stirs the soul and smoldering forces within you it is the responding cry of your true spiritual self—your true Ego—the Astral self, recognizing and responding to the desires and vibrations of the eternal SELF.*

It rests entirely with you whether this warning and recognition bears fruit or not.

If you decide to act, ponder and consider well our advice. "*BE SILENT.*" "*Be ye wise as serpents but harmless as doves.*" *A seed before it sprouts lies concealed, secret and silent in the dark earth.*

It is in this condition that it finds its real and only opportunity for growth and development.

Antagonistic elements can only sweep over it while it lies concealed; its work, growth and development goes silently on. Such must be your self-development. So must your Astral and Soul Forces develop while silently hid in yourself.

Neither money nor position will buy true knowledge, nor can they destroy true knowledge. Astral Powers, and Soul Forces, cannot be measured with money. Your Magical powers and great Astral possibilities must spring to life within yourself. Jesus, the greatest Master that ever lived, said: "*Seek ye the Kingdom of God within you.*" We admonish you likewise.

See well to it that you heed. You may be so orthodox as to think that you should not heed and investigate, believing that the esoteric should not be investigated, or that your development should not be accelerated.

There is no subject, be it *esoteric* or *exoteric*, that is too sacred for true investigation, and it is the peculiar province of the True Mystic to desire to reason on all hidden and Astral forces with the utmost care.

The health of body, the energy and confidence that an ardor for truth and power inspires, mark his progress. No doubters, no laggard, no dotard, charlatan, no miser, no selfish one may ever hope to succeed, or ever overtake the fleeting feet of true Occultism and esoteric truths.

The true Master, Adept or Mystic must possess a will and intelligence that develops and brightens with attrition.

No scoffer, no obstacle, should daunt him, no condition should bar him, nothing should hinder or discourage him in his Astral development and search after truth.

He must acquire secret Knowledge and Mystic powers as a miser does his wealth to hold—his soul his strong-box; but, unlike the miser, he can give of his store and yet retain his all.

Steadfastness and purity of purpose and self are a necessary requisite while traveling the rugged path of Occultism and Mystic development.

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We cannot enter into diseased or sensual conditions.

We may and desire to set those Astral forces in operation that will assuage deep-seated sorrow and physical suffering, but we cannot be expected to bring sweet music out of inharmonious notes.

To attempt to do so would of course be foolish and result in deep injury to ourselves. So we say, BE PURE, save your vital forces and preserve them long into old age.

The true Mystic and real Master never dissipates his physical or sex forces. The dissolute, sensual man does. The unspent and preserved sex and germinal forces surrounds you with a beautiful purple aura, which envelops you always greatly to your honor as well as being conducive to your development.

This beautiful aura and strength-giving element is dissipated and destroyed by sensual acts and animal instincts. When this purple Astral Aura is preserved and its supply constantly increased from day to day by pure acts and thoughts you will possess the means necessary for your development and the practice of true Occultism and Magic.

Heed thee, then, that your Aura remains purple, unimpaired and preserved. For this reason children are many times clairvoyant and possess Spirit and Astral Sight when their parents do not.

CONDITION ESSENTIAL FOR SPIRIT CO-ORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION.

It now becomes our province to direct and indicate the way and manner best suited for communication with the unseen world.

Try and fulfill all the requirements that we have indicated in the fore part of this communication and those which hereinafter follow, *especially those relating to the preparation and use of the MAGIC MIRROR.*

However, should you fail, do not be discouraged or cast down.—BE FAITHFUL. Faithfulness and application are all that will ever accelerate your development.

Persevere. To him or her who is faithful much help and assistance will be given. At some future time, should you decide to become a brother or sister of this Occult Organization, you will know our meaning of the above; for we assure you we know full well how to handle this problem that has vexed so many who insist in developing in their own foolish way.

However, after you start, should no apparent results be obtained, keep on, be faithful, persevere, if necessary, for many years, *yea, a lifetime.*

Results and your capacity for work and perseverance will indicate the degree of your development and advancement as a true brother and faithful Mystic, while the cardinal principles of true Co-ordination will promote and signify the progress of your development and communication.

Of course, if you really wish to identify yourself with our Occult Organization and enter into such a relationship with us that you can communicate, you must place yourself,

of your own free will and accord, in harmony and accord with those vibratory Astral forces which Co-ordinate with our own.

To obtain this class of vibratory forces you should read, then carefully re-read, this message many times until you thoroughly understand its real esoteric meaning.

Next most carefully decide and fix in your mind just the kind of an ideal life you think a true Mystic should live. Examine yourself as you would a peck of wheat, seeking both the inferior and superior grains or qualities.

Take heed of each inferior quality and virtue you possess. Then, like a true man or woman, decide to live what you believe to be the true ideal Mystical life.

After you do this see to it well that you live the ideal life and you will bless the day and hour that this message came unsolicited by you.

Until you so live the ideal life, do not expect to co-ordinate with us. Should you decide upon an ideal Mystical life many questions will come to you.

Anticipating this there follows here the answer to all important ones. First—Good, pure, unselfish thoughts are absolutely essential and demanded. Remember, you seek to identify yourself with the greatest and really only true Occult Organization in the world.

A pure mind keeps away all vain fancies and mental delusions. Seek and you will find. *Aspire and you will be inspired.* Perform any good deed you can; do not defer a good deed nor a laudable ambition.

The proper time to do anything is when ambition inspires you to do it. Then your energy is sustained by a free and natural ardor and desire, and you are assisted by a clear conception, unclouded by procrastination, which acts most effectively for success.

By living in a pure mental and physical condition, and rounding out your existence by constantly keeping before you the ideal life of the advanced Mystic, you should rapidly advance to a degree of spiritual light and Astral coordination where we may be able to establish intelligent communication with you.

But remember, it all depends upon your faithfulness and capacity to persevere until you have advanced to a point where you can place yourself in a sphere of vibratory Astral forces that will admit of perfect coordination.

WHEN TO USE A MAGIC MIRROR.

Now if you have begun to live the ideal life and have arisen to a degree where we can cooperate with you through your Aura, you are now in a state where you can seek coordination, communication and relationship with us through a Magic Mirror.

Every wise Mystic constructs his own Opaque Magic Mirror, not because it could not be made for him, but because, if he constructs it himself, it will be more certain to serve the occult purpose for which it was made.

It will also more fully co-equal with his own cloisteral and monastic personality.

A Magic Mirror made under these circumstances, with an intense desire in the Disciple to succeed, will not be a means of preventing sodality and exclusive association between himself and the Astral world, as would one constructed by another, impregnated and perverted with their selfish corporeal magnetism and depressed lustreless Aura, which always serves as a bar to your complete coalesce and association with those in spirit life.

If you wish to succeed, disassociate yourself with any individual whose sole object and pursuit is financial gain, or who is of a mercenary nature.

If you make it a rule in life to disassociate yourself with any person who has a parsimonious, stingy nature and who is always curmudgeonly in his dealings, you will be better off.

Stay entirely away from those of a churlish, penurious disposition, as they will surround you with a muddy, mottled Aura or magnetism which will hold you back like a heavy fog or dismal vapor.

For this reason, unless you are careful, it is best to always live a sequestered and monastic life as far as your business and earthly pursuits will allow.

Far better that you remain untrammelled than to have to do with the close-handed and niggardly. Never get intimate or confidential with them or their kind.—Have no dealings with them, as they are surrounded with an Aura that means death to your hopes.

Shun them as you would an abominable, odious, damnable thing, for if you could see them in their true light, as the Mystic can, you would shrink and recoil from them as you would from something that was loathsome and nauseating—*accursed.*

Now, should you be interested enough to follow further, and it is purely your own affair whether you do or not, you are going to be told that if you were in a position to see clearly, that is to say, if your spiritual or Astral sight was developed, you would be able to observe many things which are low and unbecoming in those around you.

SPIRIT SIGHT AT WILL.

If you doubt this, it's because it is concealed from you owing to the fact that you only possess the physical sight. *These things can only be observed by those who have Spirit Sight at will.*

Does not your so-called Christian Bible, the toy and the mystery which the material minister and priest exhort over like a clodpate or a jack-a-dandy, tell you to "*develop the inner or spiritual sight*"?

Common sense should indicate that it is your plain duty to possess Astral or Spirit Sight, which the ancients called the *inner or spiritual sight*.

If you wish to own a real, genuine Opaque Magic Mirror and be able to make it exactly as it was made by famous ancient Mystics so that it will possess Occult Virtue and become infused with Astral Auras, then proceed as hereinafter instructed, in this message, by this prerogative court and Brotherhood of Mystics.

Foremost, procure unto thyself the following materials from Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co., with which to make your own Opaque Magic Mirror.

One Convexo-Concave superior transparent glass* which has a perfect and complete sphericity of form on the properly indicated side; manufactured by a certain secret process and formed by infusing silicious matter with fixed alkalies; but so constructed that it possesses none of the qualities of the lens, so that rays of Astral light passing through it are not made to change their direction or to magnify or diminish objects at a certain distance, as does the crystalline humour of the human eye.

In other words, this exclusive *Convexo-Concave* superior transparent glass must be so made by a special process that it has no mitigating, assuasive or lenitive qualities whatsoever.

Its exact size must be $9\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{5}{8}$ inches.

Next obtain a sufficient amount of a secret *bituminiferous substance* like that used by the ancient mystics and old philosophers for this very purpose.

Also one small brush; very fine. The entire cost of the above materials, securely packed, and sent in a special mailing case to any postoffice address in the world, should not exceed the amount of \$3.00.

The materials referred to above were positively, previous to this communication, not obtainable anywhere in the world arranged ready for instant use.

Next obtain a box with a lid on to hold your mirror. Next procure one yard of new cloth. These are special materials from which you can make a genuine superior Opaque Magic Mirror.

The material for making a Superior Magic Mirror, that is, the Convexo-Concave transparent non-magnifying superior glass, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{5}{8}$ inches, and the secret *bituminiferous substance* to be used for coating your Magic Mirror, and the fine brush also to be used to apply the coating, you must obtain as told above, of Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co.

The box for holding the Magic Mirror, the yard of cloth and the pint of turpentine which you will also need, you of course can easily obtain yourself at a nominal cost from the stores where you reside.

These Convexo-Concave superior glasses for making the Magic Mirrors are prepared especially for this purpose and are only sold by Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co., who are the largest and only official dealers in these materials as well as standard Occult, Spiritual and Magical books and Temple Incense in the world.

They are also official and direct importers, maintaining permanent offices and connections in India and the Orient for the importing of such materials as Temple Incense and costly essences which are used by the Priests and Mystics in the Orient and Hindu Occult Chambers.

*These particular superior transparent glasses, from which a Magic Mirror can be made, can not be obtained of anyone in the world outside of Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co., notwithstanding that after the publication and circulation of this Message others may offer them for sale.

So, unless you know that your dealer obtains them from this firm direct, you have no assurance they are genuine. Unless they are genuine and made after the special process as above, they will fail to serve the purpose for which you have obtained them.

To prevent this, obtain materials direct from this firm, or tell your dealer to do so. To prevent the sale of spurious materials for the making of genuine Opaque Magic Mirrors by unscrupulous dealers who will be anxious to supply you after the publication and circulation of this message, you should write Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. direct and they will advise you by return mail whether your dealer is obtaining his materials from them or not, or whether he is imposing upon you.

They also sell, at a small cost (\$2.25 prepaid) a very excellent sphere or Crystal, which no Mystic or Adept ever thinks of being without.

A Mystic or real Adept would be in no better shape to carry on Occult or Mystical work without his Rock Crystal or "Hindu Beryl," or an imported "Astral Sphere," than would a man who tried to write with no ink in his pen. Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. have on exhibition in their offices a genuine Rock Crystal or Hindu Beryl—imported Astral Sphere—value of which is \$150.00, the same being the personal property of Dr. L. W. de Laurence, who has repeatedly refused \$500 cash for it.

Students and Mystics as well as others owe much to this progressive firm, whose business has increased so rapidly that they have been compelled to move in larger quarters at 356 Dearborn street, Chicago, and there is a possibility that they may be compelled to erect their own building or move again in the near future, as their business is increasing daily.

This firm imports from the Orient and Europe and in turn exports books and other goods to every country in the world. Dr. L. W. de Laurence's name is as well known in South Africa, Gold Coast Africa, India and British West Indies as it is in the United States. After a careful canvass and checking up of sales it was found that there was not a city nor town in the United States but what sheltered one or more students who had purchased and studied this famous man's books.

Another thing students have this firm to thank for is their bold manner of stopping dealers in charging exorbitant prices for important books and materials necessary to carry on Occult work.

A case in point is their recent publication of a fine edition of that famous book sold in London entitled, "The Mysteries of Magic," by Eliphas Levi. Importers and London dealers sold this book at \$3.75, prepaid, cheaply gotten up; de Laurence, Scott & Co. obtained a copy, set their typesetters, their platemakers, their printers and binders to work, and published a modern edition of this excellent work on Occultism and Magic, bound it in red silk and stamped it in pure gold and sold it all over the world for \$2.00, prepaid, thereby saving sincere students \$1.75 on this one book.

Still another case: "India's Hood Unveiled," "Spirit Sight At Will," written by a native of South India, was being sold from India at a high price, published in paper covers.

Today de Laurence, Scott & Co. have their own exclusive edition of this work on the market for \$2.00, prepaid, finely bound.

Dr. L. W. de Laurence has given to the world, with the sole object of forming "The Congress of the Ancient Divine Mental & Christian Masters," to date, three grand "text-books," namely: First, "The Imminence of God"—"Know Thyself"; second, "God the Bible Truth and Christian Theology"; third, "Zoroaster, the Great Persian."

These will soon be followed by two more volumes. These works are having an unprecedented sale and edition after edition is rolling from the presses.

When these works get well into circulation they will be the foundation and credentials for the greatest Congress and Brotherhood ever known.

However, not wishing to digress too far from the subject matter in our message to you, we will return, but then it's well for you to know these things, which are true, for no man in the world today can produce the results that Dr. de Laurence has. He has written and published and put into circulation a larger number of standard Occult works than any man who has ever lived before in the world, and it is unlikely that any one man ever will equal this great master in this respect.

"The Great Book of Magical Art," Hindu Magic and East India Occultism, a large volume weighing six pounds, was issued ten years ago by him. All admit that this work is the only reliable and standard work on this subject in print. The first edition, owing to the great cost of publishing, were sold for \$12.00 per copy. Dealers in rare books bought this work through their puppets and resold it for \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$150.00 a copy.

Dr. de Laurence immediately stopped its publication for three years, being greatly displeased at this.

Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. now sell this celebrated volume, bound in full cloth, for \$6.75, prepaid.

This of course killed the rare-book dealers' little game. It is needless to say that any work which has sold day in and day out for ten years and is still enjoying a large sale is a Standard work.

HOW TO CONSTRUCT AND USE A SUPERIOR MAGIC MIRROR.

MESSAGE PART TWO: The turpentine, which you are to obtain where you live, you are to use to thoroughly clean your brush and *convexo* concave glass with. The *bituminiferous substance*, with which you are to coat the Magic Mirror so as to make it opaque, you will receive from Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co., ready mixed, and will not need diluting unless it should be too thick; in this event, mix a little turpentine into it.

The brush **MUST** be new, as must be all the materials used in the construction of your opaque Magic Mirror.

The box, which you are to obtain where you reside, may be of wood, but new. The cloth, which you are to obtain where you reside, should be of *purple or blue*, and of goods very agreeable to your touch and sight. If you cannot obtain blue or purple, get *green or white*, but under no circumstances use red. Wrap your Magic Mirror in the cloth when not in use and keep it in the box.

With all materials ready you are to pass into a room by yourself when all conditions are agreeable, and proceed as hereinafter instructed. With a piece of new cloth (a small piece will do) clean the concave glass of dust after dipping the cloth in turpentine. This will cause the bituminiferous substance to adhere to the glass when you apply it. Dip your brush also into the turpentine, wipe it off, then proceed to paint or coat *the convex side of the glass with the bituminiferous substance*.

The outside of the glass is the *convex side and is the side to coat*. Don't coat the concave or inside. Start coating at one end of glass and proceed slowly until you reach the other end. Apply the bituminiferous substance smoothly and as evenly as possible, not resting for any other purpose until you have entirely finished your work. You must not go back over the glass, as any imperfection or streak in the coating can be remedied by the next coat you are to apply on another day. You are to apply three coats, as above, which will be necessary to make this specially prepared convexo-concave superior transparent glass Opaque, on three different days.

HOW TO MAGNETIZE A MAGIC MIRROR.

After you have prepared the convexo-concave glass as above, allow it to dry while you are washing your hands, etc. Next proceed to infuse into it the particular individual virtues of your own aura and magnetism. This is accomplished as follows: Pass the right hand, palm down, in a circular motion over the Mirror after each coating—your hand being about two inches above it. Repeat with the left hand. Then operate as above, with both hands at once. You should, however, make any kind of a motion over the glass that you feel impressed to make. Do all this with confidence, as it certainly pertains to your own individuality. You should make no fancy motions for effect, but should keep your mind solemnly on your task. Let your movements be deliberate and regular. See to it that the palms pass close to both sides of the glass. At times allow the hands to stop near both ends of the glass. It is not the movements of your hands, of course, that infuses and magnetizes the bituminiferous substance. It is your aura, which you have projected and transmitted into it. This bituminiferous substance is of such a nature that it readily absorbs your vital Aura and magnetism. It is the only substance known that will do this so well, and the secret of its preparation is known only by Dr. L. W. de Laurence, who has received it direct from the unseen Mystics. Some may scoff at this, however—be that as it may—it is true, nevertheless, and you should not be influenced by any sort of sophistry.

Be sure that you give this bituminiferous substance ample time to take on and absorb your Astral Aura so that it becomes thoroughly infused and well impregnated with it while you are in a perfectly quiet mental state of deep meditation, all the while keeping before you the ideal Mystic life you have decided upon living.

After you feel that you have about exhausted your Aura and that it has been absorbed by the substance on the Mirror you should stop. Before and during the process of making your Magic Mirror let yourself be prompted only by high aspirations and pure desires. Drive out all worry and thought of self and earthly desires by meditating on your work and the purpose for which you have made your Mirror. Read and re-read this message before you begin this work. After you have prepared the Magic Mirror then lay it upon a piece of heavy paper or cardboard, the coated side up; place it in the box to dry, some place where it will not be disturbed and the atmosphere is of an even temperature, or nearly so.

Allow the cardboard to remain under the glass until you have on three different days recoated and re-infused or magnetized it. You now have a Magic Mirror whose opaqueness will be perfect, and it will be ready for use three days after you apply the last coat. These are the only complete instructions ever given out to the world in print for this work, and it is given without thought or desire for pay—it being our desire and request that it be given free to all who are far enough advanced to appreciate their great value.

The entire cost of printing and mailing this information to you will be paid personally by Dr. L. W. de Laurence. The amount is not a small one, as you may know when you consider that we have directed it to be mailed to 25,000 people, and as you are one of these, we trust that you will realize that our only object is to show you that we have recognized you as a brother-sister and comrade.

After you have finished the first, second and last coating, clean your brush with turpen-

tine and put it aside for future use. Also cork up your bituminiferous substance tightly, as it is a rare and very expensive preparation.

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Once started, keep steadily on living your ideal Mystical life, as near as your conditions and family, if you be married, affairs will allow. Examine yourself at the end of each day and resolve to do better the next. Try and avoid lapses. Live a life that each hour, each week, each month and each year makes you better morally and stronger physically. Help those who are worthy and need assistance.

This kind of a life will surely bring you health, peace of soul, and the inspiration to do good will become stronger, as will your desire for truth and goodness. If you do this you will really feel yourself getting stronger and better. You will feel your Astral and spiritual self unfolding. As you perfect yourself and succeed in Astral attainments so will you attract to yourself by your Aura higher and purer forces and aspirations. With these there will come to you, and be added unto you, Astral and Mystical powers that will well repay you for your efforts—the power that will make you a power and a Mystic. Remember, Brother and Sister, that each should give according to his or her ability and will receive according to his or her capacity.

This development, this inspiration, this Astral unfoldment, this progress, these powers—all these—and more—must come from within—for, remember, "The Kingdom of God Is Within You." Without this unfoldment of your Astral self all the spirits and Astral Powers in the Universe might be ready to help you and obey your invocation, but no results would follow their ministrations. *You must unfold. Astral Powers, Astral Sight, and, Spirit Sight Must unfold from within you.*

You can blindly follow the childish instructions and methods of the so-called professors and mediums and surface writers and so-called authors until you are sore tired, heartbroken and discouraged, and you will never even be able to receive intelligently an Astral or mental impression from the unseen World, let alone being able to co-ordinate and enter into intelligent communication.

With a heart destitute of selfishness, with your soul on fire for humanity, and a mind desiring and aspiring for help and truth, always desiring to engage in good Occult works—all these the fruits of a good life—you will need and shall have our help and companionship.

Once your Magic Mirror has been constructed strictly according to our direction in this message it will be necessary of course for you to give us an opportunity to materialize and also communicate with you.

This can only be accomplished by your conforming to certain conditions as hereinafter indicated.

The first essential is regular sittings or periods of meditation, when you must get mentally and physically quiet, so as to completely bring about a condition of receptivity to external psychic and astral forces. You should go into silent and secret meditation at certain specified times and observe that you attend well this duty, always endeavoring to bring about a state of introspection.

You will observe we have advised that these sittings be secret. This of course is for your own welfare and protection. Keep it from the curious and we do here admonish you in this beginning to be secret, and neither teach nor manifest to anyone this work, or place, or time, nor your desire, or will, except it be to a true companion, brother Mystic or Master of this work, who likewise should be faithful, discreet, silent, and dignified by nature, education and conduct.

Never are you to expose or reveal them to unworthy or unscrupulous persons; but reveal them only to faithful, discreet and chosen friends, for your association with a prating companion, whose misbelief, doubting, questioning, and, lastly, unworthiness, hinders and disturbs the effect and result of every Magical and Occult operation, consequently, and, in consideration of what has been said in the forepart of this message, about the undesirable astral Auras some people carry around with them, you should not seek the companionship of those who are unworthy.

Set a given time for your meditation period and development in the use of your Magic Mirror. Arrange these sittings at a convenient hour, then allow nothing to interfere except sickness or something beyond your power to prevent.

You should also procure unto thyself an Incense Burner of good ventilation and some Imported TEMPLE INCENSE and burn the same as directed on page 13 of this message.

Burn a small amount of this compound at every sitting with a Magic Mirror or a Crystal. One imported package will do for fifty or more sittings. This "Soul-Vision" and "Astral-Light," inducing subtle, fragrant compound, should always be burned in a special Incense Burner procurable of Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co.

Once you begin these sittings, be regular; do not disappoint us unless you wish to disappoint yourself.

Four times a week is often enough. Once a week will do if you cannot sit oftener. Sit

from forty-five minutes to an hour, or an hour and a half, always commencing at the same time of day or night.

Have a quiet neat room, where you can be alone. Be composed, be patient, and, above all, be faithful—believe there is more in life than the demoralized material world around you on the earth plane.

Have the room dark so you will not be able to see the Magic Mirror, though you are all the time gazing into it. Sit quiet and hold the Magic Mirror in both hands by placing them against the ends.

Just as soon as you start this you will be visited by members of our Occult Organization and Brotherhood from spirit life, and all necessary data regarding your desires and personality secured.

Your condition, capacity, ability, surroundings, vibratory forces, Astral Auras, time of sitting, and all necessary information carefully noted.

A report is then made and all data about you will be recorded. To successfully establish intelligent communication with you we must then proceed to find some brother or sister in the spirit world whose vibration, forces, and Astral Aura will coördinate with you, and who will volunteer to be a companion to you so as to establish communication with you at given intervals.

Of course it may at times seem long before we succeed in securing the right companion for you.

However, if you are faithful, patient and regular you may rest assured the Brotherhood is interested in you and will not see you sit in vain.

Many, many, times you will be visited by those of us who would like to talk with you but cannot owing to some peculiar Astral or physical condition. Of course, we note these adverse conditions and set about overcoming them and to help bring you into direct communication with us.

Once a brother is found whose vibratory forces coördinate with your own and he volunteers to become your companion results come quickly, and will be instantly noted on your OPAQUE CONVEXO-CONCAVE MAGIC MIRROR.

First, you will see all around the room bright lights like little stars snapping into life; while across the Black Opaque face of your Magic Mirror will pass an emulsive *luminous film*, which will be phosphorescent—without heat—of a white, cloudy appearance. This is the usual manifestation of the presence of Astral forces.

After the *luminous film* has passed away a little star may be seen to pass across the firmament of the MAGIC MIRROR. This is the first indication of real advancement and success upon your part.

However, you should keep quiet at this your initial phenomena, eliminating all quixotic thoughts from your mind.

Do not be too anxious for results or the advancement of your development. If you heed this advice you will act as have all *ci-devant* Mystics, and all others who are wise, *quo ad hoc*.

Once Astral phenomena and psychic results come you may be assured that we are around you; that we have a true gauge on you; and if you persevere, your ideas will undergo a complete transfiguration as far as Mysticism and true pneumatology is concerned.

In short, the *veil of Osiris*, if your efforts are not *mediocre*, will be raised before your admiring gaze.

Once you have learned from us, by this message, how to make a real, genuine Opaque Convexo-Concave Magic Mirror and other details which we have given here regarding Astral Vision and Magnetic Aura, it is our request that you interest any worthy brother or sister in this work and make them a Magic Mirror should they desire you to do so.

As the subject is of vital and universal interest to humanity, it may be hoped you will avoid all selfishness, as hereinbefore mentioned, and obtain as many brothers and sisters as you can.

They can either have you make them a Magic Mirror or send for materials to make one and thereby become a member of our Brotherhood of Mystics.

It becomes your plain duty to do this, especially should they be influenced or inclined to apply to you by their Astral influence and not as the direct result of printed matter or advertisement.

In constructing an Opaque Convexo-Concave Magic Mirror for another who wishes to become a Mystic, take just as much care with it as if it were your own and deliver it to him or her, as the case may be, no matter if you have become greatly attached to it yourself. Your charge should not exceed \$5.00, or less if you feel disposed.

Admonish the one who receives it never to let anyone else handle it. Try to become a trained psychic, seer and Mystic by studying and using the Opaque Magic Mirror and studying official and standard works that treat on this subject.

An excellent book for assisting you in the use of a Mirror and Crystal is The Mystic Test Book of "The Hindu Occult Chambers," Hindu and Egyptian Crystal Gazing, together with the Wonders of the Magic Mirror. This work teaches the original and true science of Hindu Seership and "Spirit-and-Astral-Sight-at-Will," as it was taught by the old Masters and mystics. See page 14 for description. If you would then know the initiations and disciplines of the Mystic Brotherhood and understand the inner psychic and Astral nature of yourself and the spiritual basis of human Auras we beckon you, true brother and sister, to join our Mystic Brotherhood and no longer remain in ignorance regarding your Astral or Sideral self.

You will then understand every system of Astral personality and be able to determine the primary fund and nature of Astral and psychic forces, and their nature, and their results, and their aptitudes in dominating industrial life and personal destiny.

It is not our purpose to here consider elaborately the nature and substance which compose, and the laws which govern, the Astral personality of humanity, or why the nature and destiny of a person is, and can be specifically influenced in one direction more than another by them.

This may seem strange. However, if you will consider for a moment the great contention of Occult and Astral Forces that are struggling for supremacy in the psychic or Astral regions around and in you, and into which you were born, and which were born into you, and the fact that, even from a physical viewpoint, the volume, direction and effect of these Astral forces and Auras are forever varying; surging; overcoming; and again equalizing each other with your every change of thought and varying mental attitude and divers physical conditions, it should be easily understood and realized that they may and really do influence mentality, destiny and results.

It would certainly cause a sensation in all social, domestic and commercial life, and would undoubtedly change such a tentative art as medicine into an exact science, if the nature and laws that underlie Astral and Occult forces were universally understood.

It does not disprove our claims, as contained herein, nor place them subject to ridicule, because many are not initiated into their use or nature; else must many arts and sciences suffer the same results.

All Sages, Seers, and Mystics, and members of all Standard and proficient Occult organizations know by experience that Astral and psychic Auras and forces do influence and control the psychical and physical nature of men, women and children, and, in short, all active life.

The Astral and psychic sight and the intuitions of all Ancient and Modern Mystics is perfect.

Results are as a rule more regular in Occultism than those said to be obtained from the unmeasured phases of religion; ethics; morality and some other branches of so-called human knowledge and physical or material sciences.

People are fast giving up orthodoxy and religion and the more advanced of mankind are working out the solutions regarding the Astral or inner self.

Indisputable facts manifesting the Astral and mental forces are attested to by great and fearless Mystics and men of research all over the world.

The near future will be devoted to the solution of man's inner or Astral self. People are beginning to greatly desire Astral vision and to understand the silent, ever-pulsating forces of the unseen world.

Interesting, valuable and wonderful revelations are being secured by many today.

Dr. L. W. de Laurence, whom we have honored as being the medium and instrument through which this message is given to humanity, is well trained for Astral sight and Psychic vision, and to this great and fearless Mystic and Seer and his wonderful publications we desire to call your special attention in this message.

He has written, published, and even given to his fellow brothers and sisters and his disciples the very information they needed to become a Mystic and Seer.

A supplemental and full record of the life of this great man and Mystic is now being written daily in the unseen world by an eyewitness, and will be given to the world after his death through the mediumship of a certain brother Mystic who has no personal knowledge of Dr. de Laurence, his early manhood, his travels in Oriental countries, his steadfastness, his trials, his initiations while a chela (disciple) into the greatest Occult organization existing today.

Dr. de Laurence has a mission to perform in Europe, America, West Indies, Africa, etc.; his mission is teaching "THE IMMANENCE OF GOD" in contest with Orthodoxy and the so-called Christian church, as well as true Occultism and Magic.

Dr. de Laurence is a man well advanced in life, although strong and capable as a man of twenty-five.

His intention is to live one hundred and fifty years, so as to give to the world such information and help as it may need regarding man's Astral, Mental and Psychic forces.

Many Mystics and advanced students have developed Astral and Spiritual consciousness by studying his works.

The alchemy of life, Telepathy and Intuition, Dream and Trance states, wider states of mental plane and consciousness of Astral Vision, Inherent Vibrant Astral force, higher Auras, Stages of Clairvoyance, Psychic Vibrations, which control the emotional and mental nature of men and women and children, and interpenetrate the physical body for health or disease, are fully and most intelligently treated by him. The very fact that his books have been simultaneously accepted as Standard and official by all leading Spiritualists and Occult students has convinced us, as well as his record as a successful Mystic and Seer, that he was the proper one for us to select as our Medium to give this message to you. Again, he has more correspondents than any other teacher, besides being in the best position to circulate it properly.

Regarding the personal character and ability of Dr. de Laurence as an author, compiler and publisher, we, as well as his thousands of students and all who know him personally, have the utmost respect. However, there are some who will seek to belittle him, for they belong to a class of mental deformities who are attempting to build up their own interests by speaking ill of others. Dr. de Laurence is known to be a man who will not utter an ill word about any one, and those who have made themselves conspicuous in complaining about his radical methods of cutting book prices and other business methods simply have shown that they possess a low grade of mentality, desiring to rise by pulling down a good man. However, no "Tin Kan" individual can disturb him.

The publication of "The Immanence of God, Know Thyself," "God, the Bible, Truth and Christian Theology" and "Zoroaster, the Great Persian" have come like a boom among church officials, ministers and priests. These works have shocked Theology and Orthodoxy to its very foundation. Books that will follow in time will do even more. So mental underlings, and the "pocket edition" kind of an individual can sneer because that is their breed, and they must do it or their soul will corrode—the ministers and priests may shrug their shoulders and show their sneering natures by ignoring, but they cannot gainsay the truth of these books.

Our work and teaching will go out to the intelligent world in spite of all the critics and underlings. We care not for creed, color or clime, and this message will be read in Africa, India and America, as well as in Judea and Galilee, Japan and China.

We have sincere brothers and sisters in all climes. All are WELCOME to test their psychic qualities, or investigate the dynamic and psychic world, so that they may thereby obtain a better, fuller and clearer conception of the possibilities, faculties, nature and qualities of their inner or Astral self and the world of vibratory forces around them.

Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. will, on receipt of \$2.50, send the materials hereinbefore mentioned, consisting of one specially made Convexo-Concave, superior transparent glass, $9\frac{1}{8}$ x $7\frac{1}{8}$ inches, a sufficient amount of a secret bituminiferous substance to give the glass three coats and make it Opaque; also a brush to apply the substance on the glass.

The materials will be sent in a mailing case, securely packed. The box to hold your Opaque Magic Mirror after you have finished it, the cloth and the turpentine you can obtain from a store where you live, and they will not be sent to you.

P. S.—Those who have, previous to receiving this message, ordered materials from Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. for making a Magic Mirror and have coated the same with Bismuth, can if they wish to make an Opaque Magic Mirror, remove the coating of Bismuth from their convexo-concave glass with turpentine. They should then send \$1.00 to Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. and this firm will then send a brush and a sufficient amount of this secret bituminiferous substance to give their glass three new coats as directed herein.

They will then have a superior Opaque Magic Mirror, as hereinbefore described. The glass they have will be suitable for the purpose. They should read this message carefully, as those who have already obtained materials for making a Magic Mirror from Messrs. de Laurence Scott & Co. are entitled to become a member and will receive careful attention from the unseen world if they faithfully carry out the directions and advice given herein.

Address all orders to de Laurence, Scott & Co., 356 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A. NOTICE.—Please write your name and full address just as plain as you can, then there will be no delay, the goods being forwarded the very day your order is received. Circulars and literature regarding any book mentioned herein will be sent on receipt of 2-cent stamp, to pay postage.

Our late large Occult Catalogue will be sent on receipt of 10 cents in stamps, to pay postage.

Stamps accepted from any country in the world. Those friends and brothers writing Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. from foreign countries should be sure to enclose 10 cents' worth of postage stamps from their own country when sending for a catalogue.

Those who receive this and tell a friend to send for a catalogue should not forget to tell them about the stamps.

Those sending their personal check must send 10 cents extra, to pay exchange on same.

TEMPLE INCENSE

Suffumigations used for Invocations of Spirits; Receiving of Oracles in Dreams, Conjurations, Exorcisms, Benedictions, Talismanic Operations, Consecrations of the Bond of Spirits, and their Adjurations and Casting Out.

Do you wish to obtain some real genuine Oriental TEMPLE INCENSE? At all times, and in all places, this TEMPLE INCENSE gives forth a subtle, powerful and beautifully fragrant odor stronger and more agreeable than you have ever used or seen?

This sweet-smelling, Mystical, "Soul-Vision," and "Spirit-Sight" inducing subtle compound is to be used exclusively by sincere and earnest investigators and those who wish to carry on weird, "Out-of-the-body" experiences.

Little need be said here about the Virtue and Efficacy of Oriental perfumes and fumigations, as all familiar with the work know that they are very powerful and requisite for the success and perfection of all various operations and communication with the unseen world.

Hundreds of thousands of years ago the ancients and masters all well knew the full meaning of what has been written here regarding the occult virtue which is inherent in TEMPLE INCENSE and subtle Oriental compounds, as they well knew by what power they are so efficacious.

These ancients also well knew the power and meaning of Confections, Candles, Lights, Lamps, Infernal Imprecations, etc., etc.

The writer, however, regrets to state that there are very, very few indeed of those of today who have made a sincere study of the deeper phases of Occultism so that they could get a proper interpretation of the deeper and powerful work.

The reason why many never learn or advance in development and Spirit-Sight is obvious.

They insist on buying every cheap, new, little publication issued. Every so-called new thought gun fired by some crank attracts them. They will insist upon following modern so-called authors and teachers of which there is a multitude today, instead of confining themselves to some of the works of the older writers, such as Agrippa and Eliphas Levi, author of "The Mysteries of Magic," also "Transcendental Magic, Its Doctrine and Ritual."

Dealers have for years been selling the London edition of "The Mysteries of Magic," by Levi, for \$3.50 and \$5. Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. now have their own new Edition, bound in Red Silk and Gold, for \$2.00 prepaid.

Another old and rare volume of over 400 large, full pages by Eliphas Levi, translated by that great scholar, Arthur Edward Waite, is *Transcendental Magic, Its Doctrine and Ritual*. English and American book dealers now sell this wonderful work for \$5 and \$5.50, postpaid.

However, Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. desire to herewith serve notice on all dealers, who have been importing this celebrated work, and all interested students, that they will soon publish their own edition of this large volume, richly bound and stamped in gold, which will be sold for only \$3.75, prepaid. Size about 6x9 inches.

Due notice of its completion will be sent to all on our mailing list. It will be ready to ship about September 1, 1910.

Yes, all students and investigators should be careful how they send for weak books written by surface writers. Stick to the old authors and masters, such as Dr. L. W. de Laurence and those mentioned herein.

Those who have ordered and studied such books as "The Book of Death" and "The Great Book of Magical Art, Hindu Magic and East India Occultism," by Dr. L. W. de Laurence, and his other books have advanced from the very start. Don't think you can ever become a Master unless you study under a master.

Some people think they can develop simply by reading some Occult or Spiritual novel written by some fly-by-the-gate would-be author, who has had a fairy dream and put it in book form.

Let cheap books alone. Pay a fair, honest price and deal with those who handle only those publications written by standard authors of reputation, and you will have less cause to complain about your advancement.

The same thing holds good about incense and all compounds used by the student to bring about development, "Spirit-Sight," "Soul-Vision," and such "Out-of-the-Body" experiences as *Propelling the Astral Body, etc., etc.*

Insist upon getting the best and feel certain beyond a reasonable doubt that you are getting the genuine imported article which has been prepared in the Orient and India and that it really will serve the very purpose for which you wish it.

Unless you do this you will be disappointed, as you should be, for it's clearly your own fault if you buy of unreliable dealers or purchase unknown and untried goods.

It's true, of course, that the Eastern masters hold the secret of making this mystical incense.

For the benefit of those interested and who wish to test this imported mystical "*Soul-Vision*," "*Spirit-Sight*" inducing subtle compound of Oriental manufacture, we will state that it is used as follows:

First, it must be used in a Special Incense Burner which can be obtained from Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. Use about one-quarter teaspoonful at a "Sitting," put the TEMPLE INCENSE in the burner, light it with a match by allowing the flame to die out.

Then allow the compound to smoulder. Place the Incense Burner upon a table or stand which has been covered with a white cloth of any material.

Next seat yourself about two feet away and gaze into and look through the ascending spirals of smoke which will arise from the fumigation you have made.

Use a dark or darkened room, or, if you have a light, it must be very subdued; keep the mind perfectly passive, as directed by Dr. L. W. de Laurence in his lessons in "The Mystic Test Book of The Hindu Occult Chambers," entertain all the while a reverent spirit of mind and soul. Observe that conditions conform strictly to directions given here and in the book just referred to, as they are very essential.

Do not touch the compound with your fingers or handle it with your bare hands. Always keep the package securely closed and open it only when you wish to use some.

We shall print below a testimonial given by a good soul who once used a mystical Hindu compound to produce a fumigation similar to that described herein.

TESTIMONIAL.

I hasten to send you a description of the remarkable phenomena produced by the mystical Hindu Powder or "Soul-Vision" inducing subtle compound which I have been using in an Incense Burner to make a fumigation while sitting with an Opaque Magic Mirror.

The first vision was that of a Hindu, as real as if materialized and of advanced spirituality. After this glorious phenomena had passed, there appeared a radiant being robed in pale blue, studded over with glittering stars and Astral Lights.

This celestial remained about fifteen minutes. Thus ended my first sitting, at least I had thought it ended, but no, for throughout the night following the sitting I was traveling consciously upon the spirit plane and conversing with spirit friends and brothers of the Mystic organization of the unseen world.

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It is said by those, who profess to know, that many ages ago, even prior to the erection of King Solomon's Temple, that the subtle and invoking powers of sweet and fragrant incense, powders and rare, costly essences was largely used and known.

It is true, as all who have visited the Orient will attest that, TEMPLE INCENSE is used and burned on all occasions where invocations, Astral or "Spirit-Sight" are desired or required.

TEMPLE INCENSE is unlike anything sold in this country, and each package is sealed and securely tied. A piece of Oriental money will be sent with each package.

It is a custom that this coin must accompany each and every package out of the Orient, and it is sent by us direct to the purchaser.

If you wish yourself lulled into a "soul-vision" inducing state where you can witness any induced Astral phenomena or experience those weird "out-of-the-body" sensations so much loved by the oriental, you certainly could do no better than try a package of de Laurence, Scott & Co. Imported TEMPLE INCENSE, especially if you are using a Magic Mirror or Crystal.

This is not a substitute, such as is sold in every city and country drug shop.

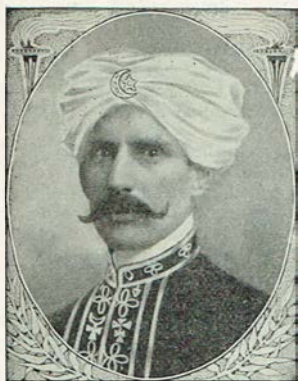
It is genuine TEMPLE INCENSE, the same fragrant aromatic compound and essential production used ages and ages ago. It really and truly diffuses an agreeable, dreamy fragrance, most pleasing to the senses and inducing to soul-vision and spirit-sight.

Used abroad, in courts and palaces of high-caste titled Oriental people, also by the priests in the Lamarsaries and Hindu Occult Chambers.

Sold by de Laurence, Scott & Co., importers, in original oriental packages. Price per package, with one durable Incense Burner of good ventilation, and one Oriental coin, \$2.50 prepaid. One package should do for fifty or more sittings, so you see it is very inexpensive to use, costing less than 5 cents per sitting to use TEMPLE INCENSE.

Highly recommended for use among spiritualists, those holding circles, Public Mediums and those who do a professional business.

Dealers in Chicago, San Francisco, and elsewhere were buying TEMPLE INCENSE from Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co., before they were detected, at \$2.50 a package and reselling it to Mediums and students for \$5. In order to stop this nefarious practice you should order direct.



DR. L. W. de LAURENCE

The Doctor's Answers to his Chelas, Disciples, Students and Friends, on Health and Disease, Development, Life's Failures and Success.

By DR. L. W. de LAURENCE

The answers below on Health and Disease, Development, and Life's Failures and Success are general in character. Symptoms and diseases are also given, and the answers will apply to any case of similar nature. Answers are also given regarding development of inner or spiritual sight, and all affairs regarding one's progress in the study of Occultism, Spiritism and Magic. Those wishing further advice may address Dr. L. W. de Laurence, 356 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., U. S. A., enclosing a two-cent stamp for reply and 10 cents extra, silver or stamps, to pay stenographer's charge for writing your reply.

Full name and address must be given plainly written, when writing Dr. de Laurence for advice or to answer questions, but only initials will be used when answers appear in these columns. All letters seeking advice or asking questions, which are sent to the Doctor will be answered by private letter when 12 cents in stamps is enclosed. Should you fail to enclose the stamps your letter will not be answered. Only a few answers are given in these columns; they are general in character and will apply to any case of similar nature, and are printed for the benefit of anyone who may need similar advice.

MR. J. B.: If you are bothered with obsessing or familiar spirits, or are inclined to be nervous and sleepless at night, you should daily give yourself health suggestions and affirmations until you succeed in clearing your aura of bad Astral Influences. Hong Kong Remedy No. 123, is an excellent nerve tonic if you are afflicted as above, and you can find no better remedy.

MRS. K. S.: Bad health always follows constipation, and unless you make up your mind to take some good laxative which will operate your bowels quickly with no griping pain you will continue to feel badly. For this there is nothing better than Phenolphthalein Tablets, Remedy No. 502, as everyone knows who has used this good remedy.

MR. C. J.: The symptoms show a chronic state of stomach trouble, indigestion, and constipation which has filled the system and blood with impurities, from which result uric acid and rheumatism. Headache, nervousness and restlessness always indicate to the trained eye that the liver and stomach are not acting normal and should be regulated. Rheumatism can never be cured until this condition is corrected. First regulate the bowels with a good laxative so they will operate daily. Nothing better than Phenolphthalein Tablets can be obtained for this purpose. Next regulate your diet, eat stewed or raw fruit, soup, and light, well cooked foods. Avoid strong coffee, tea, fried meats, potatoes, fresh bread and rich pastry. Also eat less at meals than your appetite craves; chew your food well. After you have regulated your bowels as advised above, Hong Kong Remedy No. 223, Shotoo, will be an excellent medicine for your rheumatism. I have known the foregoing treatment to help many rheumatic patients, but it must be faithfully followed.

H. A.: It is needless for you to inform me that you suffer excruciating pains from what is commonly known as itching piles. This is a trouble that is very difficult to obtain a remedy to effect a cure or even give relief. However, Marquess Ointment, Remedy No. 500, has been found to be the very thing for this trouble. Here is a remedy that will give you relief from pain, itching and irritation, and a box or so is usually sufficient to give permanent cure. This wonderful Ointment can be applied externally to check itching, and by using a pile pipe, which can be supplied at an extra cost of 50 cents, it can be applied internally directly to the parts without inconvenience. I can heartily recommend this great remedy to you and every one afflicted with itching piles, and too much cannot be said about this wonderful remedy, as a trial will show.

MRS. W. P. M.: The skin itching "terribly" as you term it, is a form of skin trouble known as eczema. From a strictly pathological standpoint it is a cutaneous disease, characterized by an eruption of small vesicles on various

parts of the skin accompanied by pimples, eruptions, scaling and fiery itching. Dry and weeping eczema can be successfully treated as follows: Wash the skin with a mild soap and rinse with warm water. Then apply "Harts Mountain" Salve, Remedy No. 501. This famous salve is made from the roots of an herb whose berries are blood red, and is the best skin emollient known. As a healing lotion for all kinds of eczema, acne, salt rheum, itching and burning feet, etc., etc., it has no peer. A box used with care lasts one a long time, and should be in every home.

A. K.: The delicate temperament and organs of your sex are easily affected by mental worry and poor circulation of blood to those parts, and this brings on a complication of complaints. First, keep your nerve, you should study some of those wonderful lessons given in that famous book "INDIA'S HOOD UNVEILED" which teaches you to overcome fear and nervousness, and how to become strong. Remember, a strong sturdy mind, destitute of fear and dark forebodings, always begets a strong, healthy body. You will never enjoy good health until you learn how to obtain and retain it. I know from your letter that you suffer aches and womanly pains which seem unendurable, accompanied by irregular menstrual periods, weakness, headaches and deathly paleness. However, to correct this you must increase your blood and correct your digestion, and at the same time remember what I have said about self-confidence, inward faith and belief in yourself. To improve your circulation, give you blood, relieve you of pains and help your digestion, you can obtain no better remedy than Baruda, Hong Kong, Remedy No. 255. As I have repeatedly stated in these columns, I can heartily recommend these famous remedies to all, as they are the best, and those who use them obtain good results. The remedy must be taken faithfully, as indeed, should any medicine if you wish results. For your particular case I would suggest four bottles, and I have no doubt but that if you will write to Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co., they will quote you a special price on four bottles if you explain your case and circumstances.

J. N.: The symptoms in your case, as you have described them, indicate very plainly to me, that you have pruritis and (itching piles), and it is strange your house doctor has been unable to cure you. This trouble is very annoying, keeps one nervous and thin in flesh. If not cured you are liable to get a fistula; this would cause your doctor to operate on you. This can be avoided by your using Marquess Ointment, Remedy No. 500; you should also have a pile pipe and read all I have said to H. A. in these columns. Marquess Ointment gives quick relief. I know of no other remedy that does.

B. N. C.: The symptoms and answers in your case have been explained and answered several times heretofore by me in these columns, but as they may have escaped your notice I will repeat my suggestions for you as I have many others. However, I must admonish you to enclose 12 cents in postage stamps next time to cover cost of answering your letter. You have a very serious case of scrofulous blood and you will get very good results by using Sokaton, Hong Kong Remedy No. 222. If you purchase four or more bottles at one time, you will be allowed a special discount by writing Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. However, above all keep your bowels regular, and with the above you could use Phenolphthalein laxative tablets, which can be obtained of this firm.

MR. M. W.: Your case is similar to Mrs. J. B. N. and my suggestions here will apply to both. As you and she have been ill so long, you need a good vitalizing nerve tonic; a stimulant that will settle your tired worn out nerves; something that will increase your strength, overcome your stomach weakness, nervousness and drive out that trembling sensation and dreadful fear. Of course there are unseen Astral influences about you that annoy you and make you extremely nervous and irritable. First try and control yourself, and avoid losing your temper or flying into a fit of rage as these evil Astral influences only amuse themselves at your unfortunate condition. There is much valuable information on how to overcome and drive out fear, as well as developing a strong personality so these influences cannot annoy you. In that valuable book which I have time and again recommended to those who need its teachings. If you wish to know all about Astral and Evil influences, and just how they operate, and the whole and entire workings of the laws governing them, do not fail to obtain a copy of that book which has been a blessing to all who have had sense enough to get it, namely, "Magic, White and Black," by that greatest of all authors on this subject, Franz Hartmann. If you get it on my personal recommendation, and it fails to measure up to the standard, and if you don't say it's the best you ever bought, write me in person at the above address and I will refund every cent you spend in returning this book, if it's not satisfactory. For one who wants to know just what every student should know, here is the "book of all books" on Spiritism, Magic and Astral Influences, Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. have just published an excellent edition of this work with handsome frontispiece and first form in two colors. Price \$2.15, prepaid. Now for a vitalizing tonic, blood builder and a stimulant for your tired worn out nerves, I feel I am doing you the greatest kindness when I advise you to obtain from Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co., a box of their HONG KONG NERVE FORCE AND BLOOD CAPSULES. This is a new remedy which has just been put on sale. It has no equal, as has been amply proven.

As Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. may not have sent you a circular regarding these wonderful, Nerve Force and Blood Capsules, I will, for your benefit, and any one else who reads these columns and feels the need of this remedy, inform you that it comes in capsule form. One hundred capsules in a box. Price per box \$1.50, prepaid. As there will be a rush and a wonderful demand for these capsules once notice is sent out to our friends, Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. have decided to send four boxes prepaid for only \$4.00. This will supply you with this excellent remedy for about twenty weeks treatment for the above sum. Two boxes will be sent for \$2.50, Prepaid. After years of work I have succeeded in obtaining the formula for these capsules and, my personal guarantee is behind them.

Mrs. Minnie K.: Many women have lost their health and are suffering like yourself, just because they have nobody to advise them what to do, and, as their timidity and extreme modesty prevents them from consulting a doctor they go on, month after month, until at last they begin to look like old women, and become nervous. The whitish discharge you speak of is commonly called "The Whites" but is known to the physician as leucorrhoea and is very weakening to your system, if allowed to continue until it becomes chronic. This trouble also is followed by a train of ills and sickness, such as extreme nervousness, general debility, irregularities, itching, eruptions, dark rings under the eyes, dullness of the lustre of the hair and eyes

and a muddy complexion, all because you have failed to check this unnatural discharge and abnormal drain on your health. If you care to check this discharge you can send to Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co., requesting them to send you a box of their "Medicated Douche, Tablets." Price per Box 75 cents. These medicated douche tablets when dissolved in warm water, make a medicated solution to be used as a douche. I can most highly recommend these tablets for the treatment of all forms of vaginitis. They do not stain, have no odor, are antiseptic and the healing properties contained in them will be found very beneficial for the treatment and prevention of disease. Medicated Douche Tablets should be used as they have been successful in preventing disease and restoring health, to thousands of women. Dissolve three of these tablets in a quart of warm water, which should be used as a douche, morning and night for six weeks and, thereafter, three or four times a week to prevent a return. Also take "Tongku," Hong-Kong Remedy No. 124 as tonic for two months and you will look and feel like another woman.

A. D. You say you are interested in Occultism and Black Magic. This is a subject that you must follow with great care for you are dealing with conditions on the Astral Plane just as soon as you begin to interest yourself in subjects and books along this line of work. There is no danger if you start with a quiet and determined mind and sincere desire to investigate and become a master. Study Franz Hartmann's Wonderful book, "Magic, White and Black" for a starter; then study that rare work by Arthur Edward Waite, namely "The Book of Black Magic, and of Facts." Waite heads them all excepting Franz Hartmann on the subjects of Occultism and Magic Black and White, and you will make no mistake in putting your money in these books. The Book of Black Magic, And of Facts" always sold for \$10.00, in London, Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co., have the finest edition of this book ever printed. Price only \$5.50, Prepaid. It's a wonderful book indeed.

PROF. R. F.: Your enquiry about Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co., new catalogue has been answered before in these columns, however, I will reply again for your benefit. This progressive firm, which is the largest sellers of Occult, Spiritual and Magical books and other accessories, such as waxen invocation candles, Temple Incense, Crystals and Black Magic Mirrors, have just received from the bindery their new catalogue of 450 pages. This is the most complete and elaborate catalogue issued by a house of this kind. The cost of plates to print this catalogue was three thousand dollars, cost of paper and printing five thousand copies one thousand dollars, cost of mailing, etc., one thousand dollars. This makes a total cost of five thousand dollars for the edition of five thousand catalogues; making them cost exactly one dollar apiece including postage. This special edition was only printed to send out to real buyers of this firm's goods, and is not sent free or given away upon request. As Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co., have from time to time sent out free thousands and thousands of dollars worth of free literature and fine circulars to those names now on their list, they do not feel that they can afford to send out this five thousand dollars worth of catalogues only to those who wish to purchase their goods, as this would be a direct loss of five thousand dollars. To prevent this and satisfy all, it has been decided to send this catalogue out only to those whose names appear in their mailing list on receipt of 25 cents in stamps or silver. Foreign. One shilling in foreign postage stamps will be accepted for this catalogue. Those who send 25 cents in stamps to help bear the cost of postage, etc., will be given a credit of 50 cents on their first order, of \$2.00 or over after receiving this catalogue. In other words, if you want this great catalogue, which it costs just \$1.00 to make, send 25 cents in stamps, and a copy will be sent; then when you send your first order amounting to \$2.00 or over, deduct 50 cents from the amount you should send as you will have 50 cents to your credit on your first order as stated above. This gives you this wonderful catalogue for nothing and puts 25 cents in your pocket just as soon as you send your first order.

P. S. All who read this are at liberty to send for this catalogue which is the most elaborate catalogue ever sent out, containing the only complete list and description of books on this subject.

MR. T. J.: I am glad to hear you say that you approve of Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co.'s requesting those who write and expect an answer, to enclose stamps to post their reply. I thank you for sending stamps to mail your reply. Of course there were a few disgruntled ones who complained but their names were immediately removed from the mailing list and there the matter ended.

MRS. M. B. B.: CLEVELAND, OHIO. I am pleased to learn that you found "Crystal Maize Tooth Powder" better than any you could purchase of your druggist, and that you received for 25 cents as much tooth powder as the druggist would have charged you \$1.00 for. Of course druggists preach quality and not quantity so they need only give you a small quantity for your money. My gospel is, give both quality and quantity for the money. "Crystal Maize Tooth Powder" has had a remarkable sale over Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co.'s mailing list, and it is very gratifying to have you write to me stating that your health is much better since you have used it and that your teeth are now pearl white. Druggists charge 25 cents for a one ounce box of tooth powder. "Crystal Maize Tooth Powder" is sold at 25 cents for a four ounce box, besides it costs 10 cents postage to mail it. Now figure out the druggist's profit when he charges \$1.00 for the same amount and sells you a poor powder at that.

MRS. M. H.: It is gratifying to learn that your constipation was entirely cured and your indigestion greatly improved by Phenolphthalein Laxative Tablets, Remedy No. 502. This is as you say a grand remedy.

MR. H. B.: If you desire by advice free on the disease mentioned you must send 12 cents in stamps as I suggest treatment for this trouble only by private letter. It would be poor taste to print same in these columns.

MR. H. C.: I expect soon to open up an Institute in Chicago, for instruction on development and advice for curing all diseases especially mental and nervous troubles, you will be advised when it is going to open, as your name is on Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co.'s mailing list, then you can write me about the case.

DR. H. C.: The edition "The Hermetic and Alchemical Writings of Paracelsus," just published and placed on sale by Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co., is an exact reprint, word for word, of the English Edition which sell for \$18.00. The only difference being our edition is the best as to paper and binding. I am sure you will be pleased if you conclude to order this set of books. "The Great Book of Magic Art, Hindu Magic and East Indian Occultism," which now sells for \$6.75, prepaid, is the same that used to sell for \$12.00, the only difference being that it is now combined with "The Book of Secret Hindu Ceremonial, and Talismanic Magic." This book has had a steady sale for over eight years, which I consider a good record for a book of this kind. It's a book for people who have both mind and brains and wish to know how to use them.

MISS A. B.: If you wish to develop astral or spirit sight and Mediumship, begin with "The Book of Death," then study "Magic, White and Black," then tie to "The Great Book of Magical Art, Hindu Magic and East Indian Occultism," and you will get results.

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MR. M. T. You are advised to use de Laurence's famous GRUNEWALD REMEDY for those private diseases peculiar to men. Many men like yourself have found it almost impossible to find a reliable remedy which can be used to check drains and unnatural discharges, which will not injure the stomach and derange their digestion. This remedy is especially good for chronic cases of long standing where the Kidneys, Bladder and other organs have become weakened by these drains on the system. This remedy, I believe, from what I have learned by studying your questions closely, will be highly suitable for your case, it having been used as a specific for this disease for several years. It consists of an internal remedy, now put up by my exclusive formula, in the form of a GLOBULAR which, makes it convenient and easy to take at any time, day or night, and an external remedy, consisting of a very highly medicated solution, or wash which can be injected or sprayed directly to the diseased parts, by your using a special syringe which is always supplied free with the remedy. Full directions are furnished and must be strictly followed, and whether you try this famous GRUNEWALD REMEDY or not, my advice is for you to obtain at once something with which to treat this disease, as more men die from it or the results of it, than any other disease of men. Under no circumstances should you marry until you have entirely cured yourself of this trouble as it is highly contagious and easily communicated. Should you care to use this remedy you can obtain it from Messrs. de Laurence, Scott & Co. THE GRUNEWALD REMEDY sells as follows. Price for the Globulars, which is the internal remedy, and should be taken after each meal, and upon retiring, \$2.00, per box, prepaid. Price for the spray, which is the external remedy and which should be used twice daily while taking the GRUNEWALD GLOBULARS \$2.00, per bottle. I would suggest that you order, if you conclude to try the GRUNEWALD REMEDY, three boxes of the Globulars and three bottles of the spray as it usually takes this amount if you want a faithful course of treatment, which I suppose you do, otherwise you would not have asked me the questions you have. Yours being a disease which should be at once checked by all means, I have taken up considerable of my time and space here, to answer your questions in a clear and honest manner, as I greatly appreciate the confidence you have in me as shown by your letter. Should you decide to order three boxes of the GLOBULARS and three bottles of the medicated spray at one time they will be sent prepaid by express on receipt of \$8.00. Otherwise the price is \$2.00 a single box for the GLOBULARS and \$2.00 for a single bottle of the MEDICATED SPRAY.

CRYSTAL GAZING AT THE ART INSTITUTE

Of Course It Is Not An Official Feature, But Since The Famous Nickerson Collection Of Crystals Has Been On Exhibition At Chicago's Artistic Center Many Women Visitors Seem Able To "SEE THINGS" That Are More Interesting In The Mystic Little Spheres Than In The Masterpieces Of Art.

In spite of the fact that modern science has said that crystal gazing is sheer nonsense, and that any one who stares into a crystal hoping to read the future in its brilliant depths is wasting his or her time, crystal gazing is not a thing of the past.

It flourishes within easy stone throw of the big, busy skyscrapers of busy, skeptical Chicago. It doesn't hide itself in any out of the way place either. It has a shrine whereat its devotees worship such as no ancient crystal necromancer, when crystal gazing was in great vogue, ever hoped to attain for his magic. It is in room No. 2 of the north gallery, second floor of the Chicago Art Institute, where the famous Nickerson collection of crystals is to be found, and where the gazers can gaze their fill upon some of the finest crystals in the country amid surroundings peaceful and impressive enough to satisfy the most ardent seeker of the future.

This collection is noted among crystal collectors for its perfect specimens. It was pre-

sent to the Art Institute by the former president of the First National bank of Chicago, Samuel M. Nickerson, and his wife. It is but just to add that it was particularly Mrs. Nickerson who suggested the donation of the collection and she also gave \$75,000 for its proper installation and cataloging.

The amount that Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson spent while traveling in gathering this splendid collection was about \$500,000. At the present ratio of increase in the price of objects of art, especially those of a unique character, the collection's value has necessarily increased enormously.

OF COURSE IT'S A DEEP SECRET.

Crystal gazing in the Art Institute? Yes, verily. It is supposed to be a secret, because those who go thither to gaze don't care to let it be known, for several good reasons. But it happens that most of the said gazers are women. Hence, or anyhow—the secret has leaked out. The collection of crystals in the Art Institute has become a sort of Mecca for those who seek by their aid to look far, far ahead.

The guards at the institute long have wondered at the remarkable popularity of the crystal collection, especially among women visitors on quiet days. Women—mainly young ones, and others apparently unmarried—made their way quietly to the big glass case containing the stones and stood with eyes pressed close to the glass, peering into the crystals within. The round stones are eight in number, and the largest is by far the most popular among the gazers. This is a pure crystal, approximately 6 inches in diameter, and supported on the necks of three silver storks. A frequent sight is a young woman standing rapt before the case gazing at this stone.

"In the crystal thou shalt see
He to whom thou wed shalt be."

The young woman stands and gazes and gazes. The minutes pass. Other visitors come through the room, look and go on. The guards pass silently on their rounds. Still the young woman stands and gazes.

At last she does one of two things: She smiles or she relieves herself of a quiet little sigh. Then she goes away, either happy or depressed.

PROBABLY THEY'RE GOOD "HOPERS."

Often one visit is not enough to satisfy her. She comes back and goes through the same routine, going straight to the case, standing and gazing, oblivious of all around her, and finally going away as before.

"They must see something in there," said one of the guards. "Or else they are mighty good hoppers."

Another popular crystal in the collection is a dark mysterious one, probably three inches in diameter, and mounted on the shoulders of two humanlike figures with the heads of lions and the claws of imps. This is a favorite with women of more years than those who favor the one of the storks. What they are looking for it would be hard to guess.

"Dark the years for thee shall be
If clouds in the glass you see."

This, another of the crystal gazers' proverbs, seems to fit the second crystal. There are clouds in it, all right. But perhaps the trick is to gaze until it appears clear.

Women are not alone in these visits to the crystals, though they are naturally far, far in the majority, as they are in all classes of fortune telling. Apparently women are more anxious to know what the future holds than are the men. Yet occasionally one of the alleged sterner sex diffidently makes his way to the crystals, waits until he thinks nobody is looking, and then begins to gaze.

Recently there came a young couple hand in hand to the cabinet. Hand in hand they stood and studied the big crystal. They came solemnly. They went away cheerfully, still hand in hand. Whatever they were looking for they must have thought they saw it there in the mystic crystal.

But truth to tell, what they did see could only exist in their imaginations, according to the rules of ancient crystallogamy. As one student in the occult art explains, the crystals at the institute are not placed in such a position as to

be of one iota of use for occult purposes. From their present position, says this expert, the fair "gazer" might ascertain if her hat were on straight, but that would be the sum total of all of her efforts.

According to this same authority, "If one is gifted with a spontaneous propensity for crystal gazing the following method must be observed:

"No neophytes are permitted to indulge in any incantations or incense accompaniment till proved to possess the germ for future development. After the novice has provided herself with a crystal ball—they may be bought for \$5,000 or less, according to quality—it is best to go alone into a room, sit down with the back to the light, place the ball at a just focus in the lap on a dark dress or on a piece of black cloth. Try to exclude all reflection, think of anything you please, and gaze intently for say five minutes at the ball. That is all. If after two or three earnest trials you see nothing in the way of pictures—the ball appears to fade away, leaving only the image seen—you will probably never succeed.

GENIE HANDY TO HAVE AROUND.

"Do not attribute to the crystal any talismanic powers unless graven, but if graven it cannot be used for divination. Of course the ancients knew this, so as a substitute they caused a genie to be imprisoned in the crystal to do the bidding of its master.

"There are many ancient formulas for the imprisonment of the spirit, the simplest being a gnostic one, as follows: Put on new, fresh raiment after five days of fasting, face the east and repeat seven psalms. Take the crystal and lay it in the blood of a white hen on three Wednesdays and three Fridays, when Uranus is in conjunction with the moon and Venus in perihelion. Simplicity itself!"

Still, even after following this formula, if you fail to "see your future" in a crystal you may comfort yourself that many noted women of the past have been ardent devotees of this means of "fortune telling." Among these crystal gazers were included Semiramis, Messaline, Cleopatra, Catherine de Medici, Christina of Sweden, Elizabeth, Mary Queen of Scots, Catherine of Russia, and a host of lesser lights.

The origin of crystallogamy is lost in ages past. Eschylus refers it to Prometheus, Zoroaster to Ahriman, Varro to the Persian magi, and most others to Satan. It was popular with the sporting element in Greece in the fourth century B. C., being used as a means for predicting the victor of gladiatorial contests. The early church denounced vehemently people designated as speculati who gazed in these balls to spot the winner in chariot races.

ANYHOW, NIGHT WATCHMAN WON.

It may be a coincidence, yet as a matter of fact may be mentioned that not so long ago an English woman, an enthusiastic crystal gazer, while engaged in her favorite pursuit, was called upon by a young lord. She spoke to him about the mysticism; he scoffed and said if it could help him to pick the winning horse he would be convinced. She banteringly asked him to repeat the entries for the day; he read them off from his card. She looked for a few minutes in the crystal ball and then seriously said that the horse named Night Watchman would win. The crystal ball had shown her a man carrying a lantern. It is not known whether the lord bet, but that horse won.

Even as late as last year comes a story signed and vouched for by an official in India. He had been robbed of a ring of great value and vainly tried to locate it. He bade a Muhrébe magician to his house, told him what had happened, and asked him to find the thief. The magician asked his host to find him a child and was brought a boy about 10 years old chosen by the official himself. The magician told the child to stand near a charcoal brazier, into which he threw a number of bits of paper on which were various mystic scrawls. He then drew a diagram in the boy's hand and placed upon it a crystal ball, telling him to look into it and tell what he saw. The boy after a few minutes said he saw and described with minute accuracy the servant of a neighbor. The man was arrested, confessed, and the ring was recovered.—*The Chicago Sunday Tribune*, Sept. 7, 1910.

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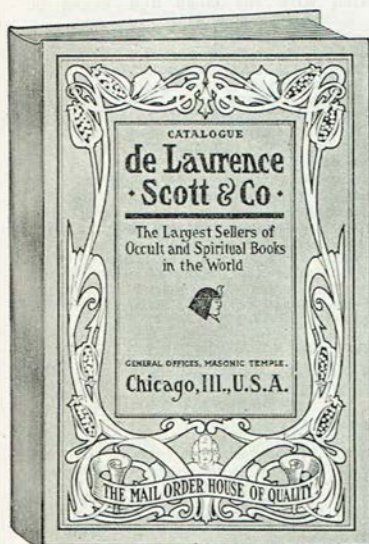


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The Genesis of the Hindu Adepts, Yoghees and Master Lamas of Central and Northern India

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Dr. L. W. de Laurence in speaking of the teachings of East Indian Occultism, Spiritual Communications, Soul Transition and Soul Reincarnation is most profound in his statement that the Hindus have the true and Sacred Wisdom, and among a subtle race like the Hindus, which is immeasurably older in civilization and experience than your own, Occult Forces and Spiritual Laws have been discovered over a thousand years ago and preserved among the wisest of these representatives, who in consequence of this knowledge can perform feats which to the Western man's limited understanding are perfectly miraculous. There can be little doubt that the performances of the Hindu Adepts, which are a surprise and a revelation to the traveler from the West, and which have excited the wonder of all ages and the Occult Powers of these Marvelous Spiritual Magicians who dwell in the fastness of Northern India, have been an instructive and fascinating study and subject of investigation ever since the Western man began to penetrate into that ancient land of the Occult. The Occult feats performed by the Adepts and Yoghees can not be termed the work of Materialism, for they rise in the realm of the Spirits and Astral World. Trees twenty and thirty feet in height are made to grow and spring up in a moment from a seed. A rope or cord is thrown into the air, and, apparently often without any means of support, and on this rope the Hindu climbs toward the clouds out of your sight. Hissing and wiggling snakes are developed with a Magical pass of the hand over a bucket of clear water, and rooms which were dark are suddenly brightly illuminated, without any apparent source of light. Heavy and many feet in the earth apparently lifeless, and, after a lapse of days or weeks are ponderous bodies are suspended in the air without the slightest means of support, and, again, after being placed in the state of "Death Trance," live men are buried exhumed and resurrected, before the very eyes of the gaping multitude, and, these Adepts and priests are apparently merged or fused into one single individual, and again this one is fused or developed into many. The Hindu Adepts are a class of men that eat little and want little; they spend their time in contemplation and deep meditation, scorning the Western civilization as ignorant, material and base. The Western scientist has come to the conclusion that Mind and Body are only one form or matter. The Hindu will tell you, that matter is not a form of mind. The Hindu will spurn all of the material possessions and pleasures, for which the Western man has spent all the energy of his life, as so much bauble and trash. The Spirit and Soul is everything to the Hindu; the physical body and their desires are nothing. It is to be very much doubted that there is one Western student in a thousand among those who use the "Mahatma" that understands the true meaning of this term, although they use it very freely and flippantly without the slightest idea as to its true meaning and many think it means a Hindu or a Fakree of some caste. But Spiritually speaking a Mahatma of India is one who has purified his "Mahatma" or Spiritual Soul (his inner nature), so that his higher ego is able to act directly upon his Occult and Astral Forces and also upon his material body. When this has been accomplished, he becomes a Mahatma, or great soul. This is a literal and real definition of the "Mahatma" of India. The only peculiar characteristic about the learned Hindu is his apparent weariness and impatience, whenever a series of questions are propounded; this will be easily confirmed, by those who go to India, for it will become apparent to you, that the Hindu dislikes being interrupted in his meditation and development of Occult Powers, for you will see comparatively little of him during your journey through India, and, indeed, find him very difficult to approach upon these subjects as he has a decided prejudice against being interrogated or even taken notice of; but should it happen that he takes a liking to you he will enter into a conversation for an hour or more. On these occasions he always squats himself on the ground and he will invite you to do the same; and from his lips you will learn many strange things that will sink deep into your heart and what comes from his lips will impress your soul as being the truth. It is always better during these conversations to abstain from interrupting him with questions for, I assure you, they will not be relished. However, it will be soon found that this is unnecessary, for with his marvelous, Clairvoyant and Occult Powers, and intuitive knowledge of what is passing in your mind, during this discussion, he

will answer your questions before they can be asked and will also explain difficult points in such a manner that the object will stand out "in relief" as it were, assuming all the beauty and reality of a stereoscopic view.

If the Hindu likes you he will allow you to feast your eyes on his collection of musty Kitaba (books) of Sanscrit, as the Hindu has a soul that believes in learning and is a great believer in Ancient Occult books of instruction. He will carry them about with him in all his travels, for he is never seeking information outside, for he knows that which he seeks will be found and developed from the depth of his own being. In bringing you to where he keeps his books, he is very likely to take you through many empty rooms or chambers, and cause you to descend stairs in the darkness, but after he has lighted his candles he will display to your astonished eyes fifty or a hundred volumes, many of them being over five hundred years old. He will now blow out his candles, and you will find yourself surrounded with inky darkness. The Adept will then give a certain ceremony, and suddenly as if by fate or some unseen power a flood of light will surround you, and you will find yourself in a low chamber, apparently devoid of furniture, except an old chest, a chair or two and a couple of animal skins on the floor. This light can certainly not be produced by any artificial means; it will be bright as day, and of that unearthly refulgence, which on more than one occasion will have startled you in certain feats of the Yoghees and Adepts of Central India. Objects in this ghostly light cast no shadows; and it is clearly proved that this source cannot be an incandescent body like the sun, or any radiating light, and the best definition that can be given of this light is that it is an illuminous Occult Fluid, which is suddenly precipitated from a given space in which the object seems to be immersed. On many occasions this light will not extend beyond the threshold of the apartment and it will not merge by gradual transition into the darkness of the corridor but will be cut off by a sharp demarcation. The same will be the case of the windows, which are square holes in the wall, and there may be inky darkness and drizzling rain without, for you may not be greatly surprised at this kind of weather in India, but what will strike you most profoundly is the fact that the Adept will never notice your surprise or agitation which will manifest itself when you examine his literary treasures.

This Adept, whose hospitality you have been privileged to enjoy, you will find is not the only denizen of his secluded hermitage among the ruins and temples, for there will be domiciled five other recluses to whom the name of Adepts are applicable and two servants; as a household of this kind in India always consists of eight persons.

The Adepts as written above will be very seldom visible, for they spend most of their time in the seclusion of their rooms; each occupying a separate apartment in different wings of their exclusive Temple. Their headgear consists of large turbans and long brown caftans. Sometimes they will have errands to the neighboring hills and mountains and when this time comes these learned Hindus will go in each other's company and you will never be able to remember the time of ever having known them to exchange a single word of greeting, for they act and conduct themselves like deaf mutes, minus a sign of language. The reason of this is, that they communicate with each other only in mental language. It will not be long, however, before you will realize that, while apparently mute, these Masters carry on an active conversation with one another; for they have simply risen above the necessity of verbal speech. And the development of Mental Telepathy and mind reading in India as a national characteristic is amazing; manifesting itself in the every day life of her people but reaching its climax in the attainments of the Adepts of Occultism in central and northern India. You will be very fortunate indeed if you do not find one or more of their number who has no inclination whatever to associate with you, and he will act as if the stranger irritated or worried him, and he will not deign to take the slightest notice of you, even ignoring your friendly greetings when you happen to meet him. At the end of a considerable length of time he may condescend to speak to you informing you among other things that he is a native of Rajputana (inferentially), a person of high degree, but, owing to his unsympathizing nature or his illdisguised contempt for white humanity there will be little satisfaction in your brief conversation with him. If you were to offer one of these men 100 rupees* to engage him in a conversation he would refuse the present on the ground that asakye is not in need of money and he will beg to be excused.

*NOTE.—The rupee in India is the monetary unit. In accounts it is divided in 16 annas, each of 12 pice, and in Bombay sometimes into four quarters each of 100 reis. The government rupee, the only one now minted, contains 165 troy grains of silver. Its nominal value is 2 shillings English, or 48 cents American money, though its intrinsic value varies. Accounts are generally in rupees, of about 40 cents intrinsic value, or in English coin. The currency consists of British and Spanish coins, rupees, copper fanams, and cowries, or little shells, used by the natives.

There may be also among the number others who may seem somewhat less unsociable but even more taciturn; and they will successfully foil every attempt you may make to draw them out unless you should establish yourself on a friendly footing with them. There is to be found, however, among these recluses men who are kind and amiable and whose memory will ever be among the brightest reminiscences of your India career; although amiable and kind these men may not be quite as communicative as you might see fit to think, but they will be invariably friendly, polite and almost deferential; their entire behavior contrasting favorably with the persistent moroseness of some of the older Adepts. The same may be said of the Mongolian Adept, who is of a soft Mongolian caste with dreamy eyes. He has but recently joined the brotherhood of India but seems to have become greatly attached to the Masters who have apparently taken him for their Disciple.

A fact that the Western student should fix well in his mind is that, to become a Chela (Disciple) in the real teachings of Eastern Magic and Spiritism in India, does not presuppose great learning or intellectual superiority on the part of the Initiate. The long years of probation, and the almost incredible hardships (such as fasting, sitting in one position for days, etc.) which are always inflicted upon the Neophyte before he is deemed worthy of Initiation or reception into the "Adepts Brotherhood" are more intended to test his physical endurance and to observe his trustworthiness, than to give him knowledge of their Secrets or Develop his Occult Powers. If the reader will kindly bear with me I will in brief inform him, how, while in Northern India, I secured Initiation into this Mystic Brotherhood and its Occult Teachings (to which I have devoted my whole and entire life) and a bit of my experience among these silent and unobtrusive men, whose wonderful feats have been the standing wonder of the world, antedating the building of the first pyramids (for the early Jesuit Fathers were startled by their Occult Miracles and being at a loss to account for them, very promptly attributed their power to the Devil; and this foolish explanation, I regret to state, is still persisted in by the unlearned, who assert that it is even a sin to witness their Occult and Spiritual feats, and who anathematize these Adepts in Art Magic as they have myself as Agents of the Devil).

My first experience was many, many years ago among the Hindu Adepts of Thrinagur or as it is by some termed Serunagor, has its location in the beautiful vale of Kashmar, which is the capital of that ancient mountain Paradise of the mighty Himalayas. The city is one of ancient and remote antiquity, and has during the last twenty centuries been venerated by the Buddhist of Northern India, for in this old city beneath the auspices of the famous King Kunjhka, the first Buddhist assemblage was held, in the sixth year of our present era. At this assemblage an entirely new document in Sanscrit of the Sacred Canon was indorsed. This canon was known as the "Brikheta" and was translated in Thibetan. These Sanscrit writings when translated and bound filled over one hundred and fifty volumes. When I was ready to leave Umballa town for Jalandhar in the valley of Punjab, a companion of mine from whom I had from time to time received advice and assistance and to whom I am to this very day greatly indebted for his kindness, agreed to accompany me to Kashmar and introduce me to one of the Master Lamas from whom I desired to obtain certain instruction. We reached Serunagor in the middle of the rainy season after a long and tiresome journey through the jungle hills and mountains. The next day after our arrival my friend was taken to his mat by a serious fever which was superinduced as the result of a snake bite he had received a few days back in the mountains and had been extremely careless in giving proper treatment. I was now confronted with a new difficulty (for at that time I had had very little experience with the Adepts and less with the mountainous country of Northern India), that of finding the Master Lama, for my friend, who was by this time delirious from the fever, and after placing him in suitable hands, I determined to go ahead by myself, deeply regretting my friend's illness and the fact that I had neglected to ask of him the exact location of the habitation of the Lama whom I supposed of course some of the native Hindus in that locality would know or at least be able to direct me, but on inquiry I was surprised to learn that nobody knew or had ever heard of him. The English residents did not know him, but the officer of the town directed me to a low Caste Faikree whose name was Zhenboa, but he was not the individual I was seeking; I inquired of all the Bazaars and of all the Shopkeepers but this proved futile, and I gave up in despair and concluded to wait for my friend's recovery, so I returned to his sick room, and being quite tired and fatigued I went to sleep on a goatskin beside his cot. How long I slept I am not certain, having no time only the Sun to go by, but I was awakened, some time after midnight, by something that startled me out of a sound sleep and made every nerve in my body feel as if they were paralyzed, for I was held as if by some invisible power stronger than steel. I say steel, because if a man is bound by steel bands he can at least move his muscles, which I was unable to do, excepting those of my eyes. I opened my

eyes and in letters that had a weird and unearthly hue about them was written these words: "Travel north five miles then seek advice from the shepherds." The message which I have since learned was transmitted to me by Astral and Occult Powers, disappeared as suddenly as it had come and I felt the terrible influence and power which had awakened me withdraw when I was startled the second time by the outlines of a face which had manifested itself to me, although the room was perfectly dark. The eyes were those of a genuine Hindu, dark, piercing and steady. They gave me a look that went to the bottom of my soul and then the face disappeared. I obtained very little sleep the balance of that night, as I had at that time had no experience in these mysterious revelations and Occult Projection of the Astral Body consequently sleep and I were strangers the balance of that night. I arose early next morning, and burned a good fumigation at the feet of my sick companion and started over the mountains in a northerly direction. Why I went I could not explain, even to myself, as the country was strange and rough and it is not considered safe to journey through these parts of India alone, owing to a certain low class of natives or thugs who waylay a lone traveler and throw a cloth or bag over his head, then murder him by cutting his throat and bury his body after robbing it of any valuables they may find thereon. I thought of all this, but some invisible power kept urging me on and whenever I was inclined to hesitate or turn back my mind would revert back to the words, "Travel north five miles, seek advice from the shepherds," and I kept on my way. When after traveling about three hours, without seeing any sign of the shepherds, and being tired, I sat down and rested undecided just what to do. I felt that I would not dare go against the presentiment and warning that had been given me during the night but I must confess I would rather have been back in Benares than in those mountains alone. However, I determined for the satisfaction of my own mind to start again, when a voice startled me by saying directly in my ear, Go Northeast." I turned quickly around, vexed at being spoken to in this way, expecting to see somebody, but to my dismay I was entirely alone, everything being quiet and still around me. I now began to think that I too was becoming a victim of the mountain fever, which often suddenly attacks a man in the Oriental countries, but my own good sense told me better for every organ and function in my body was perfectly healthy and normal at that time as it is today. But to be brief, I started in the direction the voice had bid me go and after traveling about what I judged to be two and a half miles I found myself among the local sheep raisers that inhabit the mountains and valleys Northeast of Senguna. A Mohammedan sheep raiser who knew the Lama readily consented to conduct me to his abode so I engaged him as a guide and at Sunset I found myself in the presence of the Great Adept and Lama, tired and weary, after my long journey, and you may imagine my surprise when I saw that his eyes and face were identical with that of the face which had looked at me after I was awakened from my sleep and told to go north and seek advice from the shepherd.

There were the same black piercing eyes that seemed to be able to read every thought in my soul. There was the same stern face, a face, judging from its appearance, that had had the smile stripped from it as the winter blasts strip the leaves from the trees, for although I remained in this master's society for many years, I never saw a smile change its stern settings. The habitation of this grand Adept was justly in keeping with the stern reality of his face and eyes. It consisted partially of the sides of an ancient Papado, being of Buddhist type, there being many of these old structures still standing in Northern India and Thibet. This ancient Buddhist Papado has been turned into a Lamasery, after being almost wrecked by the Mongols, but without doubt it had been used for other purposes during the many centuries. This old Monastery stood in the midst of the lonely mountains which the hand of nature had not slighted but had rendered it more beautiful than any place I have ever seen, either in the United States or Europe, by covering the surrounding country with a mantle of beautiful verdure, this, nature seemed to have done in a sense of pity to cover up the dreary memorials of the past centuries. My Master and Occult Instructor was by no means the only inhabitant of this Monastery with its fascinating vale of ancient ruins. There were five other Lamas besides two Hindu menials, one of which performed the duties of gardener and sheep raiser, the other acted as housekeeper and cook. This strange Monastery presented a most uninviting appearance, but to the true Disciple of Magic and East Indian Occultism it is like the workshop of the faithful mechanic, or the room of a country school house, to the untutored soul seeking education. The Lama had evidently been faithfully watching for me, for as we approached the weird Temple a tall thin man stepped from behind a long row of carved pillars and piously descending the Ancient marble steps, extended his hand to me as a genuine token of welcome. This, as I had suspected, was my master; the Lama I had traveled over a hundred miles of mountainous country to partake of his hospitality and receive the wealth of Occult Knowledge which he could give me and under whose tutelage I have augmented my knowledge of East Indian Occultism until today I would not exchange

his teachings and the knowledge of Spiritism which he gave me for the crown of a King or the wealth of a nation. This great Master was of a tall slender physique while his features were more emaciated than any person I have ever beheld; yet his face was not one that would impress you as being repulsive, in fact, one would be inclined to call it pleasant were it not for a certain solemn set expression about the forehead and lips, a sure indication of sternness and uncompromising individuality. This priest's dress was selected along certain aesthetic lines. He wore a turban of red and purple Turkish cloth, a dark purple caftan hung loosely from his shoulders while his slippers were made of goat skin. His appearance would strike one on the whole as being rather singular and even odd in this beautiful spot of Mystic India, which is a strange and weird country where one meets at every turn the unexpected and unusual, and the traveler from the Western country finds it most difficult not to realize that he is indulging in a dream. "So you are the Munshi that has journeyed all the way from Benares (the Holy City of India)," he said addressing me in **Tamie**, this being the only Eastern tongue which I was able to speak at that time with any degree of fluency. "You do not talk like a Sutra **Karan** (man from the West)," said the Adept, as he walked to a great Mango tree and sat down on the ground beneath its branches in true Hindu fashion, with legs crossed, and invited me to do the same, which I did. "I see that you have already been advised of my coming," I said. "I have received no verbal message of any kind for over fifty years," he answered, seemingly offended at my assertion. "Then how did you learn of my arrival and who told you that I came here with the intention of becoming a Chela (Disciple) of Magic," I replied, very much astonished, but still positive that some one had informed him. "I knew months ago you were coming," replied the Lama, "and nobody told me of it. I saw you asleep beside your sick friend, and besides, I also saw you cross the river Sutley, and can describe some of your trials on the way through the mountains and after I do so you can judge for yourself whether any person has told me anything concerning your intentions or journey here." And to my utter astonishment and amazement the Lama described day by day my condition of mind and intentions for over a year back. He also gave me a complete description of my journey step by step; the places where I had stopped, and even described the revelation as it appeared to me when I was awakened while asleep at the bedside of my sick companion. Of this I had not mentioned a single word to anyone. He even challenged me to ask him questions concerning my past life or future intentions and when I did so he unhesitatingly answered them with such precision and accuracy that it amazed and bewildered me and I no longer wondered why the common people of India and the travelers from Europe and the United States had such profound respect for these great Masters of Occultism and Spiritism, and why the Western student feels so inclined towards their teachings as to study them, for there is indeed great merit in such an undertaking; for the true Adept and Master Lama of India turns nobody from his door who is sincere and will be a good true Chela (Disciple) of their wonderful teachings. "I have a place here where you can remain free," he said. "It is near my own room. The less you bring of your material belongings into the Monastery the better, for there is no greater foolishness than that of having a lot of things around you that are useless, as they only serve to attract your attention from the development of Occult and Spiritual Powers."

He now led the way up the stone steps through a dimly lighted corridor to a spacious court beyond the center of the Lamasery. We crossed the court and entered a door formed by two engraved pillars between which was suspended a blanket; curtains and blankets serve as doors in these Monasteries, as they keep out sun and are impervious to rain. After passing through the door my Master led me along the passage way to a room on the right of it. The floor of stone and mortar was covered with a matting of coir; the furniture consisted of a chest of Spanish cedar, handsomely carved and stained, a dead black, a chair and a sleeping couch. This consisted of a camel skin fastened to wooden bars so as to leave a low place between them. There was also a pair of clean red blankets but no pillow of any description. When I remarked of this deficiency of the Lama quickly informed me that he who must have a pillow to rest his head on has no chance of rising above the level of the materialist and that I must do without one; for it is of great importance that during sleep your head should be on a level with the rest of your body and that you always sleep on your back for only in that position can the soul and brain be brought to develop that which it is deficient in; namely, an Occult Perception of the Astral and Spiritual forces. It is thus that I stood in the room where for a number of years was destined to serve as my bed-room and apartment for solitary meditation and study, and in this room of stone it has been my humble privilege to witness and experience some of the strangest and most weird Occult and Spiritual phenomena which will ever come within the experience or under the observation of any Adept or Chela of East Indian Occultism or Spirit Magic. But I have no regrets.

ORIENTAL SPIRITISM AND EAST INDIA MAGIC.

"All things are possible for him who applies himself," providing, of course, that the power desired be in conformity with man's Occult and Spiritual Powers and the working forces of the Spiritual Universe or Astral World, which are in unity with him, and he with them, then all things will be directed to the ends of his obtaining Wisdom, Astral and Occult Power.

This Occult Power and Astral Energy utilized by the Hindoo Adepts is not, in the true sense of the word, the working of a miracle, but it is the working and bringing into operation a Hidden and Subtle Astral Energy or Force, which is Invoked by the Adepts in Art Magic, in a most positive and unequivocal way. East Indian Occultism is but the science or knowledge of the Secret and Hidden laws of man's Spirit and Astral Forces. The terms Secret and Hidden are used by the writer as meaning that the laws and rules necessary to bring these forces into operation are hidden from the Materialist; that is to say, he cannot see them with his physical eyes. The knowledge and laws of these hidden forces and Spiritual Wisdom are given to all who seek sincerely and apply themselves faithfully to attain them and become identified therewith, for this higher Esoteric knowledge and Spirit Power is "East Indian Occultism, pure and simple."

Oriental Spiritism and East Indian Magic are venerable with age, having their origin in antiquity and the far East, especially in Central and Northern India, where it has been handed down from prehistoric times through generations, and generations hands of the sincere student in the United States, and also is being popularized, epitomized and vigorously promulgated in Europe, as it seems that the time has now come, when the Western World and Europe have ceased to follow the teachings of every so-called Professor and Institute of Science, who can only afford to send a few cheap typewritten pages of matter that is worse than no knowledge to the student. While the writer has no prejudices or spirit of antagonism for these partial and incomplete so-called teachings, he knows, from personal experience, that the student and true soul in these countries are hungering for a more perfect and specific course of study for the promulgation of the true East Indian Occultism, that is so well understood and taught by the true Adept.

For "when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away with."

The true student and Disciple, however, must have a substantial basis of instruction in his understanding of Occult and Astral laws before he can have the proper power to exercise these Hidden Forces which know neither limitation nor failure and, which clothes its possessor with a strange and invincible Occult power. The writer has labored long and hard by precept and example to impress the true knowledge and the fundamental principles of East Indian Occultism on the minds of his Disciples and plant that basis in the souls of his true Chelas, who have in turn faithfully transmitted the substance of that which they have received from him to the faithful soul who applies to them for it. It has always been my aim and whole object to life to give an analytical epitome of Hindu Magic and East Indian Occultism and to teach my Chelas (Disciples) the fundamental principles of Occultism and Spiritism as it is now taught and practiced in India, and to teach his fellowmen that these powers lie hidden in their soul and are highly susceptible to cultivation if they only obtain the proper knowledge of applying themselves to their laws. My instructions and publications are looked upon as being the only standard and authentic lessons for the student, for they have been published and sold not in a spirit or desire for gain, but in a spirit which "speaks and it is done, which commands and it stands fast."

Many wise heads in the Western countries have attempted to create the baseless impression that this Occult and Spirit Power was exceptional in human experience and, necessarily as such, was supernatural and miraculous. It never occurred to them that these strange Occult and Astral powers were the possible legitimate working of an Occult law and Power which could be practically studied, mastered and applied by all mankind who would seek and desire them. Nevertheless, an unbiased and careful consideration of the direct and true teaching of the Adepts will convince the most hesitating and conservative mind that the Adepts and Masters of these Occult, Astral and Spirit Powers in India regard the possession and exercise of these Hidden Powers as being possible for every sincere soul who desires them, for they are without any doubt whatsoever, the orderly and legitimate result of certain Occult and Spiritual attainments, possible to all, and which it is their special work to give to all who sincerely desire them.

These teachings of Magic and Occultism have hitherto been so exclusively studied from the standpoint of the supernatural that the attention of the whole West-

ern world has been diverted from the rational and practical study of that Occult and Astral Powers exercised by the Hindus. The Hindu Adepts, however, are very profound in their statements that these teachings are equally important to all of mankind who wish to rise to a higher Mental and Spiritual Plane.

The true teachings of these wonderful men embrace every phase of a legitimate Occult Power, Knowledge, Soul-sight and Astral Forces ever claimed or sought for by any Magi or Hierophant of the world and their teachings are for and should be experienced and studied by the humblest. It will be well to state further, for the benefit of those who desire to become a Disciple in Indian Occultism, that the source of these Occult and Astral Powers, which in India are recognized and specifically emphasized as free to all, is ascribed to the direct endowment of the human soul and Astral Suits, from which every human soul derives its intelligence, life and power, and to which, therefore, all alike, the humblest as well as the most exalted, have equal right and access.

"ART OF SPIRIT INVOCATION."

Among these great Masters there is an atmosphere of unsociableness and a weird isolation at their Temples and Lamaseries which will painfully effect the Western man during the early part of his sojourn and to which he can never quite reconcile himself, unless he makes up his mind to become a Chela (Disciple) of these quiet, unobtrusive men, with their fine eyes, which reflect back to you the Wisdom of many thousands of years. It has become the writer's fate to become an Adept in Art Magic. His life among these Masters has entirely changed his whole existence and left an impression of silence which will always remain. For one who spends years among these Masters, and who perfectly understands the Art of Spirit Invocation as well as reading the innermost thoughts of your soul, and who by enchantment can hold a certain weird fascination over the Spirits of the Astral Plane so as to make them obey their every wish, and who can send their own Astral Body away in space, will realize that a great deal in life as it is lived in the West is an illusion. These Adepts and Lamas have discovered the key that unlocked the Astral Forces as well as those of their soul. Their habits, nay, the entire mode of life, of these men who have discovered the frivolities and illusions of their Western brother, and have chosen voluntary exile amid a forgotten past, is such as to foster a spirit and atmosphere of exclusion and Asceticism for they have raised the veil that hides the mysteries of time and space. They know that they have a mission to perform and teach to the worthy Chela (Disciple). The meals of these men usually consist of boiled rice and fish curry, and is not served at regular intervals in a dining room, but must be applied for individually in the kitchen. The meal is then eaten by the Adepts in silence in the privacy of their own apartments. In India will be found thousands of Individuals of the type who belong to the lower Caste, or class of common Faikree, for comparatively few of these Faikrees have risen or will ever rise, to a degree of Occult and Spirit Power equal to that possessed by Roktabya, and these Adepts who live in absolute seclusion, for like the hermits of the Middle Ages these men live in austere seclusion, either in the solitude of India's great forests or in the mountain country, always selecting some locality as remote as possible from the contingency of disturbance.

Their place of abode, sometimes only a primitive bamboo hut, is often very cunningly and neatly constructed, by their own hands, in imitation of nature, to insure concealment or attract as little attention as possible, so that even the expert hunter will often pass by these silent retreats without in the least suspecting their presence. These masters, from time to time, will leave their hidden retreats in the hills or their mountain caverns and suddenly appear in the larger cities of India, where at once they are surrounded by an interested crowd of spectators, and it is useless to say that the common people of India have the most profound respect for the Adepts and Master Lamas. A miracle of some kind is performed in broad daylight (and witnessed perhaps by five thousand people), then a sermon on the future life of the human soul of the most impressive character is delivered. These masters scornfully refuse money, or any kind of remuneration. These Adepts, properly named Philosophers, are men who have risen above all needs and who seldom if ever make use of their Astral and Occult Powers for the furtherance of any tangible object. These men are engaged in a process of development which will bring them to a higher degree of Occult and Spiritual Powers. They live in the strictest seclusion and never go out to perform feats for money. They have been pronounced selfish by shallow reasoners, who are apt to inquire why the Adepts and Lamas, instead of seeking refuge in seclusion and solitude, do not go about performing their strange Occult feats for money and proclaim their Occult attainments from the housetops. This latter occupation does not form a part of these great Philosopher's plans; in other words, their only desire is to teach the true and sincere soul who will abandon Materialism and become

their Chela (Disciple). They are not preparing to become a teacher of the curious multitude or unscrupulous; for if they were to do this they could not be what they are, nor reach the lofty height to which they aspire. The reader may be naturally inclined to ask, Why don't some of them go to Europe or the United States, and by exhibiting their Occult Powers, make fortunes. The Adepts, as I have repeatedly stated in all my writings and publications, have no desire for a fortune and they have placed in my hands such secret knowledge and instructions as is necessary to publish in these countries, for the exclusive benefit of those who desire their Occult teachings and secrets, but are not able, or have not the time, to go to India. It would be just as foolish to ask why the Prophets or the Apostles of Christ, that are spoken of in the Old Testament, did not turn their peculiar Occult and Spiritual gifts into a money-making business. These Masters are beyond the desire for money (something that is very difficult for an American to realize). They know that it is only a brief span of earthly existence that separates mankind from his Spiritual Life, and their contempt for material gain and wealth is only equaled by their pity for those who are incessantly engaged in its pursuit.

These gifted Masters have a mission to perform for mankind in their own peculiar way. Their wonderful Occult and Spiritual Powers (which are as boundless as they are marvelous) are their credentials, and they are like the prophets of old, they work Occult wonders and miracles in order to attract and arrest the attention of those who they desire to deliver their solemn sermon of advice, which never fails to impress the listener differently from anything he has ever heard from mortal tongue. These miracles are equal to those recorded in the New Testament, as worked by Christ, for, except the raising of the dead, not one of them is half so wonderful as the Occult feats performed by the average Yoghee and Adept of India, and those of you who, believe the age of miracles is past should by all means travel in India, Thibet, Burmah, Siam, Benares (the holy city of India), and Ceylon. People talk of the riddle of the Sphinx of the Nile. There is a Sphinx far more mysterious in India, and it presents features of a thousand more riddles. It will be seen that these Seers and Adepts only use their Occult Powers and work their miracles to impress the people to raise themselves to a higher degree of Spiritual and Mental development. The miracles were the credentials of the Prophets and it is to be doubted very much whether Christ Himself could have produced much of an impression upon the Jews of Palestine if He had not worked his miracles. This the gospel explicitly tells you, for you usually find the record of the performance of a miracle by Christ followed by the words, "And he (or they) believed in Him." Thus, it appears that the miracles of Christ and his apostles were only intended to demonstrate their Divine character and to open the eyes of the multitude.

"ESOTERIC BROTHERHOOD OF ADEPTS."

The Chela, or Disciple, of Hindu Magic who desires to become an Adept or High-Caste Yoghee, after a lifetime of contemplation and study is admitted into a higher circle of Esoteric Brotherhood, whose seat is in the Monasteries of the Temples and mountain recesses of Northern Hindustan. The Masters of this Brotherhood are quiet, suave and secretive and attach a deep religious significance to the manifestation of their Occult and Astral Powers, and there is certainly nothing improbable in the statement that they are initiated into a knowledge of Spiritism and Occult Secrets, which have been preserved and handed down for centuries, from generation to generation. These Adepts, during an Invocation or Conjunction of Astral Spirits are squatted down in the Hindu fashion, with their legs crossed on a mat of cocoanut fibre, placed upon the stone floor of their Monasteries. This position and the burning of certain Secret fumigations is at once interpreted by the Spirits of the Astral Plane as a sign that they are about to receive a deep and solemn Invocation for their appearance for the performance of some duty or to give some knowledge. These Masters and Adepts are always squatted down in a semi-circle, which forms an impressive and beautiful sight; this circle of silent, dark-eyed Orientals is one of sincerity and deep repose, such as is seldom found, even among the Christians of the West.

OCCULT MYSTERY BEHIND CURTAIN OF MATERIALISM.

The Western Student has long desired the proper advice for pursuing these studies and the writer knows his great anxiety to learn the truth, and there are many thousands thirsty for this Occult knowledge who have journeyed over the rough paths of life in the hope of obtaining a spark of that Occult Wisdom which they have hitherto sought for in vain, and there are in the United States and Europe many who would willingly travel a dozen times around the world if by so doing they could secure but a momentary glimpse behind the curtain of Materialism, which hides the so-

lution of all the mysteries by which mankind is surrounded on the Earth Plane. These sincere searchers after Occult knowledge have derived little satisfaction from the teachings of the Scientists and Professors of the West. However, failure only excites the fundamental desire in a true soul for any certain knowledge: That there is a curtain that hides these revelations cannot be denied, as every Scientist and Scholar will admit, but there are many of them that will never be able to raise it until they leave off their study of Materialism and study and develop the Occult power within them.

There are some who make a mistake in thinking that many mysteries are concealed behind this great curtain, for it conceals **one** only, but to the Western man and Student, whether he observes this Occult mystery during his Earth life or in his Spirit Life, it will be a terrible one to behold. Man during his Earthly Existence can only explain an object in terms which refer to similar objects, and the Spirit World behind this curtain is so utterly unlike the world revealed to man by his physical senses that he could not understand these mysteries unless he became a Chela (Disciple) of them for even the Master could not assist him unless he was sincere. The habits of these great Adepts, and the entire mode of life of these men who have discarded the frivolities and illusions of their kind and have chosen this voluntary exile amidst the ruins of a forgotten past is such as to foster a spirit of exclusiveness and asceticism. However, there is a strange fascination in solitude, for man, being a singular admixture of the bestial and Divine, and, when in the society of others, delights in being gay and trivial and in developing the foolish and ignoble side of his nature, but, when surrounded by solitude and his own thoughts, he becomes a different being, for he is left to his own meditations. The silence of the desert or the unbroken quietness of some secluded nook, or the silence of the Temple, awaken and develop Occult Powers and feelings within him, which his outward and daily life can never engender, for it is then, and only then, that man will voluntarily descend into the abyssal depths of his own consciousness. The very first lesson of the Western Disciple or Neophyte under the great Eastern Adept of India, and the miracles he will witness at the hands of these Masters, is sufficient to illustrate the method of the Master with his Disciple, and the character also of his Occult Power; for the life depicted at the Lamaseries of Northern India and the character of these men who form a silent and Austere Brotherhood of Adepts, will give him a good insight into the nature of the Indian Recluse life and the influence it has upon the character of those who have adopted it, and he will never regret the instructions and knowledge that will be given him to develop his interior concentration and for the attainment of illumination of his inner or Clairvoyant Vision. These Masters of Occultism have sprung from a wonderful race of people, who, for over fifty centuries have subordinated matter to mind, and who have succeeded in reducing their physical wants to a minimum. They are of Soul and Mind and the Western man is of body and stomach. The Hindu's knowledge of the mysterious forces of mind and Astral Life is far in advance of that in the possession of the Western man, for they have spent centuries in introspective meditation and have acquired a mastery of Clairvoyancy, Telepathy and Spiritism such as the Western mind can neither understand or appreciate, for even their knowledge of Hypnotism is far ahead of anything of which he can ever conceive.

OCCULT VISION.

The marvelous manner in which messages can be communicated or the great rapidity of that which news of an important character travels through India is a case in point; thus for instance, the details of any event that occurs in Mainaud will be discussed in the bazaars and shops of Calcutta many hours before news and particulars are received by telegraph, to the utter astonishment and disgust of the telegraph company. This, in spite of the fact that the company has the advantage of sending despatches through the valley of the Kabul River and through the Khyber pass to Peshawur. These telegrams sometimes come to Calcutta as cypher messages and it would be nonsensical to say that this news has traveled from mouth to mouth, or from village to village, as there are many intervening mountain ranges and great deserts, villages and hamlets in India that are many miles apart and extensive ranges where scarcely any habitation is to be met with. Besides, the Native Hindus are not much given to travel and there is positively no means of communication by means of letters or messages of any sort that could be sent with such speed. The news of the disaster that befell the Spanish Navy at the Philippines when Dewey destroyed their boats, took many hours and days to reach Washington and to be communicated to the cities and towns throughout the United States. In India this news would have been known all over the land in less than one hour, and not merely in the sense of a vague presentiment or impression that something had happened to the Spanish Navy, but in the shape of a distinct, clear Occult vision, which, although not seen or understood by the low caste natives of India, would be beheld by hundreds and thousands

who are developed clairvoyantly, and they would not be slow to communicate this to their fellow being.

THE DEMON OF PERVERSITY.

The Western student at times thinks to become a Chela (Disciple), or to be Initiated into East Indian Occultism, is to pass through the "valley of roses," and that they will ultimately reach the object of their desire and become quickly initiated into the various degrees of Esoteric Wisdom, but the student should understand that the writer was once where you are now, and well remembers the impatience and madness of despair which more than once overwhelmed him as he realized the stupendousness of the task before him; how his heart almost failed him, how more than once he was on the point of giving up the battle. Wealth, luxury, ease, sensuality, appetite and a thousand and one delusive pleasures which hold the **bhaila (materialist)** in bonds. I had abandoned and had almost completely subdued and mastered these evil propensities (the curse of a thousand years of animality, materialism and sensuality) with which the Western race is afflicted. Yet such is the demon of perversity all powerful through the inherited blindness and viciousness of a benighted and besotted past, it required all the fierce determination of which I was capable to persist in the upward path to Eternal Truth and Wisdom. "Through darkness to light, through sorrow, through evil through the turbulent tides and waves of destiny and will, through all the forms of fate, ambition and revenge"—let this be your motto in the course of ascent. The greater the trial and obstacles, the greater the triumph, and although meditation and seclusion are to be recommended under all circumstances, if the Disciple of Magic is on the right **calibre**, he will succeed. If it is possible for him to do so, let him go to Thibet and see the Adepts of this Mystic Brotherhood, and he will be convinced that all is not an illusion, or fraud, for the writer hopes some day to welcome many of his Disciples in the Vale of Kashmir. The path to Occultism lies everywhere and nowhere. Occult and Astral Powers and Eternal Truth man must seek for and develop, even to the depths of his own soul. There is no royal road to success in Hindu Magic and East Indian Occultism. You must climb the side of every mountain to stand upon its summit.

VAUNTED CIVILIZATION.

The Hindus are a race which are immeasurably older in mental culture and larger in mental calibre than the Western people. The Western so-called civilization is but of a yesterday, and you are merely engaged in the Eternal process of multiplying your wants. You have abnormally developed and stimulated the accumulative instinct so that you have actually come to look upon life as a mere opportunity of accumulating wealth in the shape of so-called Material possessions. What otherwise can be the meaning of your saving that time is money, which would greatly amuse us if it would not have the gloomy and saddening thought which underlies it. I repeat again that what you call your glorious and modern civilization is, and has been, nothing but a process of multiplying your wants (that which are necessities now were luxuries fifty years ago), and the more you will have to labor and toil in order to supply and gratify them; you will also have to devote an ever-increasing part of your life to the procuring of the means wherewith to gratify your artificial wants; you are, indeed, slaves of your wants and desires, for each new want implies a new sorrow, namely, the sorrow experienced in the deprivation of the means to gratify it. A hundred wants mean a hundred sorrows; a hundred disappointments, a hundred pains. Now, I will ask you, has the standard of happiness been raised even to the extent of one-half inch by your much vaunted civilization? I say no; on the contrary, you suffer more than your forefathers did in any given period, because they lived in a simple and more frugal manner and their wants were fewer. They had more time to rest and think.

The multiplicity of your wants has brought about a feverish activity, and in your so-called "struggle for existence" you have actually come to look upon your fellow man in the light of an enemy. You try to overcome him by stealth and by every modification of craft; you try to oust him from business and drive him to the wall. This is what you complacently call the survival of the fittest, a kind of password which you have invented in order to appease your not over-delicate conscience. Survival of the fittest, forsooth! Who is it that survives in your present struggle for existence? Is it the most humane, the most sensitive, the most generous, the most altruistic? No, it is the most merciless, the most selfish, the most unscrupulous; the very type whose extinction would be desirable in the interest of the race.

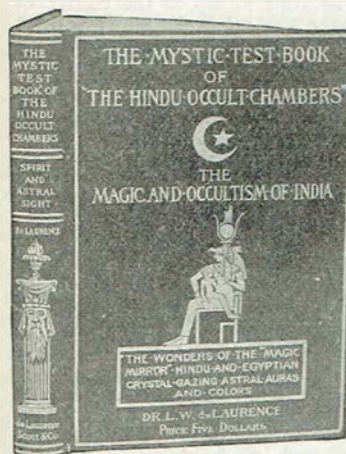
"We Hindu Adepts, on the other hand, after having risen to a certain height of

material culture, have paused and reflected, and have begun to reduce our wants to a minimum. We live on rice, and most of us are satisfied with one meal a day. A teacupful of boiled rice, with a little salt, is all that we need in the line of food; one piece of cloth, which will last us for years, is all the raiment we need, and as for shelter, why a few bamboo sticks thatched with palm leaves, will more than suffice. All our immediate wants, if translated into time, would mean less than twenty minutes' work per day; we can devote all the rest of our time to mental and spiritual culture, to thinking—not to book study, but to the solution of the World's Occult Mystery. And we have done a good deal of thinking, as you are prepared to admit; we have developed during these last fifty centuries, mind faculties which are a source of constant surprise to you; in fact, while you have been working for the stomach, we have been working for the soul and mind. You Westerners, in fact, are all stomach and we are all soul, mind and brain.

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